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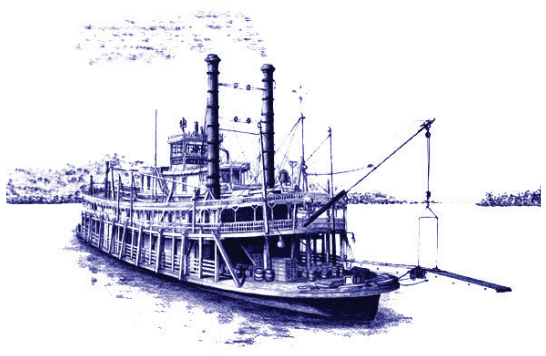

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Council asks for update on jail construction

Best estimate is for completion in late August, October opening

BY BOB DEMAREE

While a firm date has been set for completion of the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center, questions were raised Tuesday's County Council meeting about progress on that project and when the jail might open.

Council member Pam Crozier inquired about the jail's status with Commissioner Bobby Little providing some details, citing that work is being done on security controls and cameras, curbs and sidewalks, and the entrances.

"It's really starting to come together," Little said.

Council president Ray Black Jr. asked if there was a completion date. Little's provided what he called a "conservative estimate" for "last of August." Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Laura Pickel said officers are "hoping to be in there in October once it's turned over and we get training." However, she said for now "everything is just projection until we get something a little more finalized."

Crozier said the reason she is asking about the jail's status is because soon the Council will begin planning the county's 2024 budget, and by knowing a completion date will allow the Council to "assist you and the Commissioners" in preparing the budget. She also said that when the jail is completed they want to have an open house for the community to get a chance to see the new facility with plenty of time to communicate that event to the public.

"It's going to be a nice facility, it's going to be more secure — especially for our employees that work there — so that's the key," she said.

Lighthouse is making a splash with live music

First, before we get to music, I want to give a shout out to a new food truck that I've been seeing parked around downtown.

CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

The donuts from DonutNV are so hot that you have to actually wait awhile before you can eat them! That's fresh. They will dress them up any way you like, with my current favorite being the maple and bacon. Mmmmm.

On to this week's profile …

Avid river watchers would have noticed over the winter that a new vessel appeared down around the area of the Lighthouse Bar & Restaurant. It looked like a double decker excursion boat, and in fact that is exactly what it was. But that's not how it ultimately ended up being used.

"It cruised up in Cincinnati for many years as a river excursion boat," explained Erica Soule,

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U.S. 42 Kentucky River bridge reduced to 10 tons

Broken rockers are in need of emergency repair

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Traffic weight limits for the Kentucky River bridge on U.S. 42/KY 36 in Carroll County were reduced to 10 tons after two broken rocker bearings were discovered during a routine inspection by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

The bridge, which connects Prestonville and Carrollton — divided by the Kentucky River — is the main highway for commuters between Carrollton and Madison, Indiana. The span previously

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Photos by Bob Demaree

Workers for Mac Construction and Excavating of New Albany, Indiana, were using a track loader and shovels to infill a section of new sanitary sewers along Hanover Beach Hill Road as part of Hanover's $6,483,000 sewer improvement project funded by the city and Hanover College.

Lambert proposes Hanover create TIF to aid development

Workers for Mac Construction and Excavating of New Albany, Indiana, use leveling rakes while infilling a section of new sanitary sewers along Hanover Beach Hill Road as part of Hanover's $6,483,000 sewer improvement project funded by the city and Hanover College.

BY BOB DEMAREE

Hanover College President Dr. Lake Lambert came before Hanover Town Council on Tuesday to propose creating a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district in Hanover to support investments in infrastructure and development.

Speaking at the Council's regular meeting, Lambert said establishing a TIF district "could support infrastructure improvements we might want for future development." He noted that his understanding of TIF districts is that they can be used for "infrastructure to support new commercial, industrial and residential growth, which is what Hanover is interested in. One of the challenges we face is in providing infrastructure that's needed to support that level of growth. And a TIF district is a way to do that."

Hanover College owns property on the east side of Madison Avenue near the college from the physical plant to File Street with the exception of the Community Garden and a few private homes. Lambert said the college is interested in redeveloping that land and a TIF could help facilitate that process.

"That might be something a TIF district might help with," Lambert said, noting new infrastructure will be necessary "because right now all access points are off Madison Avenue."

Lambert said no specific plans are currently in place and the college is still considering how it might use that space. "We're looking at all kinds of things. We're interested in commercial opportunities but we're also looking at apartments" that might be used by graduate students or students for the new veterinary school when it opens.

Lambert thinks having a TIF could help in developing that land as part of current efforts with Hanover and the Lilly Endowment Inc.'s College and Community Collaboration Initiative, which is now in the planning stage.

"Since town is interested in more residential and commercial growth, conceivably if we could partner with a developer we could include an application to the Lilly Endowment which could provide an infusion of funds that might help us to get over the top in making it an attractive option," Lambert said.

Town Attorney Devon Sharpe said he is currently researching what the town would need to do to create a TIF district, noting that part of that would likely involve creating a Redevelopment Commission for the town.

The City of Madison, which has a Redevelopment Commission, has utilized several TIF districts in recent decades to help support development.

Lambert also addressed traffic issues at Hanover — particularly at Kuntz Road and State Road 56 — where the

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OBITUARIES

Leslie 'Todd' Johns

Leslie "Todd" Johns, age 58, of Vevay, Indiana, was born October 23, 1964 at St. Mary Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky to Arlen Edward "Artie" and Wanda Lou (Carlton) Johns.Todd passed away at 7:36 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the Ashland Cove Campground in Lamb, Indiana.

Todd will be lovingly missed by his wife, Debra D. Johns of Vevay, IN; his sons, Joshua Johns of Vevay, IN, Jeramey Johns of Grand Rapids, MI and Zachary Daugherty of Vevay, IN; his "baby girl", Laci Daugherty of Vevay, IN; his grandson, Aiden Johns; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donna and Larry Gene Thomas, Sr. of Rising Sun, IN; his brothers and sisters, Roy Edward Johns and his wife, Mary Jo of Phoenix, AZ, Kathy Sue Johns of Hudsonville, MI, Nina DuShane of Newaygo, MI, Russ Johns and his wife, Wanda of Allendale, MI, Julie Leap and her husband, Roy of Vevay, IN, Jean Nolf of Hudsonville, MI and sister-in-law, Kathy Ann Johns of Vevay, IN; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Larry Thomas, Jr. and his wife, Shona of Florence, IN, Aaron Thomas and his wife, Tiffany of Florence, IN, Dora Henry and her husband, Scott of Aberdeen, IN and his several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arlen Edward "Artie" Johns and Wanda Lou (Carlton) Johns; his brother-in-law, Al DuShane; his nephew, Chad DuShane and his several aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2023, by Rev. Mike Jones, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery in Vevay, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Les-lie "Todd" Johns Remembrance Fund. Please make checks payable to Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

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Dr. David Franklin Butler

Let Us Pause to Honor the Memory of

Dr. David Franklin Butler, D.D.S.

"You can always tell where a beautiful soul has been, by the tears and laughter left behind"

My father never wanted to talk about death. Even after he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. This desire to not discuss the inevitable was not because he denied his diagnosis, but because he chose life, instead.

It seems unimaginable, cruel even, to have to write an obituary about a human who so actively and unequivocally chose life. For someone who was so larger than life in so many ways. It feels cruel and also, impossible. Impossible to narrow this human, this life, this light into a one inch wide column for a newspaper with a word limit. For he is most worthy of all the words. Instead of simply focusing on all the things, people, places he will be leaving behind, I want to share with you all the ways he lived.

He lived!

He lived for his family; his wife, his children, his grandchildren — whom he called the "light of his life."

He lived for the family he grew up with and the family he grew into.

He lived for his friends, who were vast and varied, from childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

He lived for his pets, the many cats and dogs he rescued and adopted and nicknamed and loved.

He lived for his staff, whom he adored and respected.

He lived for his patients, whom he cared for with such a gentle, loving, and expert hand.

He lived through the music he made.

He lived for the music he loved.

He lived through his unmatched story-telling; hilarious and engaging and sometimes, maybe even a little exaggerated.

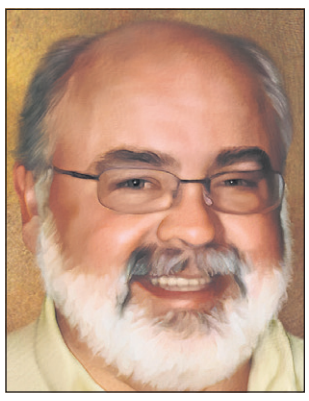
He lived sharing his memories.

He lived doing the things he loved; collecting, reading, traveling, driving, fishing, crossword puzzling.

He lived with an intense appreciation for food and well-trained chefs. He could tell you in great detail about a meal he had in 1981.

He lived for helping — volunteering, donating, listening.

He lived with a kind,



empathetic, accepting, and open heart.

He lived with appreciation and optimism and always, always, hope.

He lived. He lived. He lived. The question we are all left with is how will we continue to live when someone so extraordinary no longer exists?

A song he loved was playing a few days before he left us.

"When I'm down you always comfort me,

when I'm lonely you see about me

you are everywhere you're supposed to be.

You never let me down.

You never let me down."

He never, not even once, let any of us down. Not as a father, a husband, a brother, a grandfather, a friend, a musician, an oral surgeon, a Madisonian. So, in loving him irrevocably, we choose to live. We choose to live well. We choose to live like him. It will be impossible, of course — for he was simply too kind, too smart, too funny, too wise, too hopeful, too good. But we owe it to him to try.

And we will endlessly hope that we will continue to find him "everywhere he's supposed to be."

He Lived!

Dr. David Franklin Butler, D.D.S., age 68, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on September 5, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois. He was adopted as an infant through the Cradle Society in Chicago, Illinois by his loving parents, Buford F. and Daisy A. Coombs Butler. He was raised on the Butler Dairy Farm in Jefferson County where he helped his father with the daily chores. His father owned and operated Butler Dairy in downtown Madison and Dave would help his father there as well. Dave was raised in the First Christian Church in downtown Madison and was spiritual in nature. He graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1972 where he made many long-lasting friendships since kindergarten. He then graduated from Miami University and received his Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Zoology. He returned home and thought of continuing in the dairy field and attended Purdue University for two years to study Food Science. He returned home and decided the dairy industry was not a field he wanted to continue in and made a decision to return to school. He graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1982 with honors and then served three years of residency. In his last year of residency, he met the love of his life, Mary Kay Fagan and they were united in marriage on September 1, 1984, in Indianapolis, Indiana. This happy union of nearly 39 years was blessed with a daughter, Anne and sons, Daniel and Benjamin. Dr. Butler was blessed with a talent in music, especially playing the trumpet. This led him in his music career performing in many bands throughout his life. He began his practice in Madison in 1985 and specialized in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the next 35 years, retiring in 2020. Dr. Butler was very civic minded, philanthropic and volunteered and gave back to his community wherever needed. He served on many boards of many organizations, but to mention a few, the Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., M-3, the Police Merit Board, Madison Country Club and many other professional organizations. He was instrumental in performing with the Soul Motivation, the Doctors Band since 1985, and the Madisonians . Dr. Butler had served on the Ribberfest Committee for the past 22 years. When you think of Dr. Butler, you think of music, his collection of cars, watches, guitars, his dedication to family, cooking shows, culinary skills, good bourbon, vacations and living life to the fullest. Dr. Butler had an uncanny way of maintaining his friendships from an early age throughout the rest of his life. Dr. Butler will be remembered for the legacy he has left for the betterment of our community. Dr. Butler fought a courageous battle with Glioblastoma and passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 6:45 a.m, at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, Indiana with his loving family at his side.

Dr. Butler will be missed by his loving wife of nearly 39 years, Mary Kay Fagan Butler of Madison, IN; his loving sons, Dr. Daniel Franklin Butler, D.D.S. and his wife, Jessica of Madison, IN, Benjamin David "Ben" Butler of Madison, IN; his loving daughter, Anne E. "Annie" Butler of Brooklyn, New York; his adoring granddaughters, Sofia Frances Butler and Audrey Marin Butler; his sister, Mary Jane Butler of Lacey, Washington; his mother in law, Lou Fagan of Bloomington, IN; his sisters in law and his brothers in law, Debra Fagan of Denver, CO, Elizabeth Funck and her husband, Bernie of Charlotte, NC, Dan Fagan and his wife, Marilynn of Indianapolis, IN; his nephews and his nieces, Elaine Ewertz, Emily Reyes (Alfredo), Evan Couch, Michael Houlihan (Megan), Jonny Cook, Jack Funck (Jessica), Nick Funck (Julia), Patrick Fagan, Joe Fagan (Julie), and Mary Claire Fagan (Eric Smith); his cousins, Karen & Jim Burkhalter, Sally Murphy, Steve Butler, Gary Butler, Margot & Jim Payne, and Andrew & Charmaine Coombs; other relatives and countless colleagues and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Buford F. Butler, Daisy A. Coombs Butler, his father in law, James R. "Jim" Fagan; his aunt and his uncle, Bula Fay Butler Keeton; her husband, Melvin and his uncle, William Butler,

A service of remembrance and music will be conducted Sunday, July 23, 2023, at 5 p.m., by his family and fellow musicians at the Madison Elks Lodge No. 524, 1251 West Main Street in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Sunday from 1 — 5 p.m. at the Madison Elks Lodge downtown Madison.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Dr. Dave Butler Ribberfest Fund or the Boys and Girls Club or Girls Inc., or the Cradle Society or the American Cancer Society. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the Madison Elks Club. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:32 a.m. **Sunset:** 9:05 p.m.
Temperature: High 83, Low 64, Mean 73.5, Deficit 0.9
Precipitation since last published: .79
Precipitation, July 2023: 7.37 **Precipitation, 2023:** 34.19
Barometer: 29.83, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.22, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 80/Low 60; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 81/Low 62; Monday: Mostly sunny High 84/Low 64; Tuesday: Mostly sunny High 87/Low 66.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 4-18-20-21-28-29 (7/19). Next Estimated Jackpot: $23.8 million.
Next Drawing (7/22).
Cash Five: 6-7-18-35-43 (7/19)
Cash 4 Life: 28-31-37-46-58 CB: 3 (7/19)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball:
6-14-23-35 CB: 9 (7/19)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 5-22-28-31-39 (7/19)
Lucky For Life: 12-16-28-32-45 LB: 1 (7/19)

MEGAMILLIONS
19-22-31-37-54 MB:18, MP x4 (7/18). Next Jackpot: $720 million. Next Drawing (7/21)

POWERBALL
7-10-11-13-24 PB: 24, PP: 2 (7/19). Next Estimated Jackpot: $20 million. A single winning ticket was sold in Los Angeles for Wednesday night's $1.06 billion jackpot. Next Drawing (7/22)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 13-15-28-43-57 PB: 25 (7/19). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (7/22)

BIRTHDAYS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641.

Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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Stephanie Hellmann

JULY 26
Mark McKee

JULY 27
Joshua Myers

JULY 28
Marcus Sullivan

JULY 30
Brenda Brown
Ryan Geyman
Toby Hoffman
Kelsi Brierly Schmidlapp

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Maureen Grace Schultz Anderson

Maureen Grace Schultz Anderson, age 58, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on May 24, 1965 in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and was raised in the Catholic faith. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Mary Edith Southerland Schultz. She was raised and schooled in Pennsylvania. She was first married for 10 years to Richard Schlichtkrull and this union was blessed with three sons, Waylon Joseph, Dwayne Douglas, and Garrett Briar. She had worked as a private housekeeper for many years and later worked as an activities director for Hickory Creek of Madison. On October 24, 1991, Maureen was united in marriage to Donald Lee Anderson, Sr. and this union blended two families together. They resided in

Trimble County for several years and then settled in Jefferson County for the past 15 years. She enjoyed crafting, flowers, her animals, cooking, and loved to keep her home fresh and clean. Maureen died on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:46 a.m. at her home near Madison.

Maureen will be missed by her loving husband, Donald Lee Anderson, Sr. of Madison, IN; her sons, Waylon Joseph Schlichtkrull and his companion, Jennifer of Madison, IN, Dwayne Douglas Schlichtkrull and his husband, Anthony of Phoenix, AZ, Garrett Briar Schlichtkrull of Madison, IN; her grandchildren, Layla Grace, Reese Wayne, Keeland Allen Shane; her step sons, Donald Lee Anderson, Jr. of Zelienople, PA, Barry Lee Anderson and his wife, Katelin of Freedom, PA; her step grandchildren, Seth Michael, Trenton Lee, Zoy, Nora, Simon, Bennett; her brother, Kurt Schultz and his wife, Chris of Fombell, PA; her sister, Genny Roberts and her husband, Dale of Santa Rosa, California; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Schultz, her mother, Mary Edith Southerland Schultz, her brothers and sisters, Von Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Margaret Schultz, Debbie Kardaz, Becky Schultz, and Gretchen Schultz.

Friends and family will gather for a celebration of life at the Anderson home at 9495 East Vernon Ridge Road near Madison on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maureen Anderson Remembrance Fund% of her husband, Donald Lee Anderson, Sr. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at her go fund me page. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth E. Bruther, 76, of Hanover, IN, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at the Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Wilma Browning Champion, 91, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, July 15, 2023, at her home. Funeral services will be at 1 a.m. on Friday, July 21, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Richard W. Dunn, 62, of Madison, IN, died Thursday, July 13, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health. Funeral services were Tuesday, July 18, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Garry W. Meierle, 81, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville, IN. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Charles Joseph Torline, 85, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at King's Daughters' Health in Madison. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 31 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in downtown Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

OBITUARIES

Charles Lindberg Taylor

Charles Lindberg Taylor, age 90, of Bedford, Kentucky entered this life on September 15, l932 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Oris and Helen Egerton Taylor. He attended school and lived in Bedford most of his life. On July 5, 1957 he was united in marriage to Barbara Ruth Liter in Carrollton, Kentucky. This happy union of nearly 64 years was blessed with three children, Yeomen, Linnatta and Timothy. He was inducted on February 29, 1952 and served as a seaman in the United States Navy during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on February 28, l960. He owned and operated the Bedford Standard Service Station for 28 years and later retired from L. G. & E. after seven years of service as a laborer in operations. Lindberg was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Madison. He enjoyed doing mechanical work, his church, reading the Bible, and being with his loving family. Lindberg died on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:09 p.m. at the Autumn Trace Health Campus in Madison, Indiana.

A LOVING FAMILY

Lindberg will be missed by his loving sons, Yeomen Charles Taylor and his wife Elizabeth of Bedford, KY, Timothy Taylor and his wife Michelle of LeGrange, KY; his loving daughter, Linnatta Dowling and her husband Greg of Bedford, KY; his grandchildren, Bethany, Clay, Trent and his wife Yismenia, Tevin Trace and his wife Emily; his great grandchildren, Brody, Blaise, Maci, Corbett, Ty, Gentreigh, and one on the way; his loving sister, Lena Perkinson of Bedford, KY; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Oris Taylor, his mother, Helen Egerton Taylor, his beloved wife of nearly 64 years, Barbara Ruth Liter Taylor, died April 29, 2021, his sister and brother in law, Francis Colbert and her husband Merchant, his brother and sister in law, G. W. Taylor and his wife Edna, and his grandson Casey De'Lane Taylor.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 11 a.m., by Keith Colbert, Pastor Orville Mann and Pastor Wayne Mahoney at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery,1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday from 4 p.m. — 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Tabor Wesleyan Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

Nic Izamis

Nicos "Nic" Izamis, 69, of Bass Lake, Indiana and former of Madison, Indiana, died Sunday, July 15, 2023, at his home there after battling lung cancer.

He was the former owner and chef at Bistro One in Madison and was retired from the restaurant industry.

He had moved to Bass Lake after his retirement where he spent his time enjoying his flowers and plants, playing with his dogs and cruising around the lake in his convertible.

He also shared his love of cooking by conducting culinary classes for the community and by hosting cooking nights with friends and family.

There will be no services per his request — he did not want anyone to make a fuss over his passing. To honor Nicos, friends are asked to share a fabulous meal with friends and family, tell stories and laugh together, because that kind of living in the moment is what he would want for everyone.

Focus on Public Arts

Photos by Mark Campbell

Artists Marshall Falconberry and Patty Cooper Wells (center) chat with Don Clapham, president of the Madison Area Arts Alliance Board of Directors, during the Public Arts Commission open house on Monday.

Madison City Council member Lucy Dattilo (left), 365 Project Coordinator of Visit Madison Inc., listens to Madison Music Movement member Charlie Rohlfing before Monday's Public Arts Commission open house at the Crystal Beach Poolhouse.

Program to raise awareness of human trafficking

BY SARA FINLEY
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

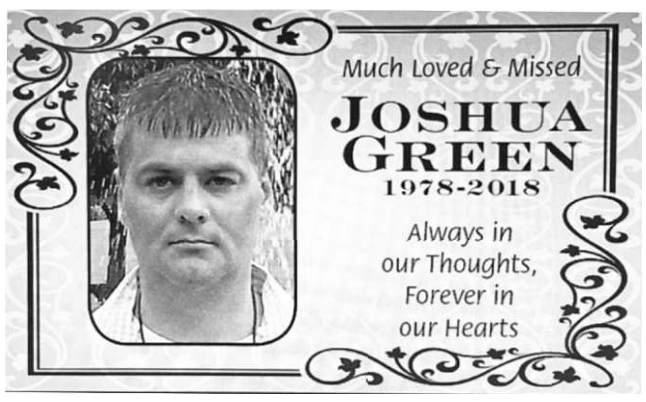
The Trimble County Library is hosting an event Monday, July 31 on how to notice signs of human trafficking and the importance of awareness.

Kentucky Assistant Attorney General Serah E. Wiedenhoefer will present the program at 3 p.m., which is part of the "Your Eyes Save Lives" initiative and reviews how to notice the signs of possible trafficking.

The signs, according to their website, include a person who seems to not be able to come and go as they need or want to, signs of physical harm, isolation and/or an inconsistent storyline. Such observations can be signs ranging from sex trafficking to labor trafficking but are not limited to those.

Trimble's Programming Librarian Sarah Karns offered her perspective on the program and the human trafficking problem. "I'd personally been concerned about this issue for a while and heard in a presentation that Highway 75 through Kentucky was a main route for traffickers" she said, adding but no area has been unaffected by this issue.

She said she believes the recent release of the movie "Sound of Freedom" has stirred people into talking about human trafficking and the library's program can raise even more awareness of the issue in Trimble County. "My hope is that with an educated, watchful county, that our most vulnerable will be safe," Karns stated.



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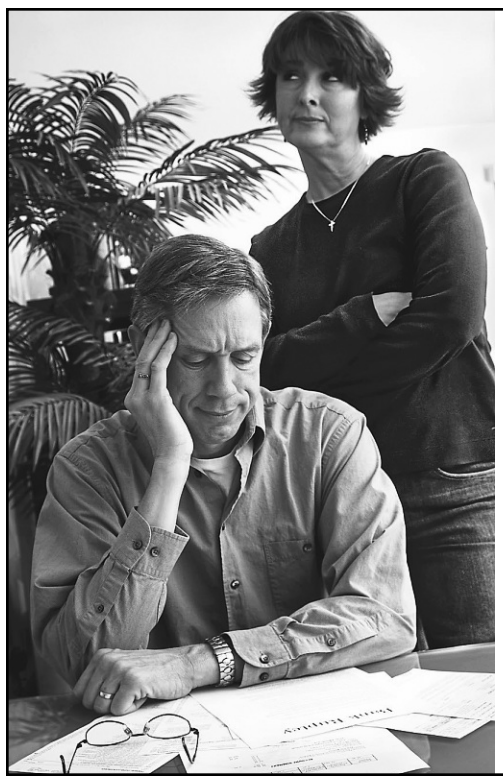

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WHY?
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HE'S STILL DREAMING ABOUT THE GOOD-NIGHT KISS HE GOT FROM MISS BUXLEY
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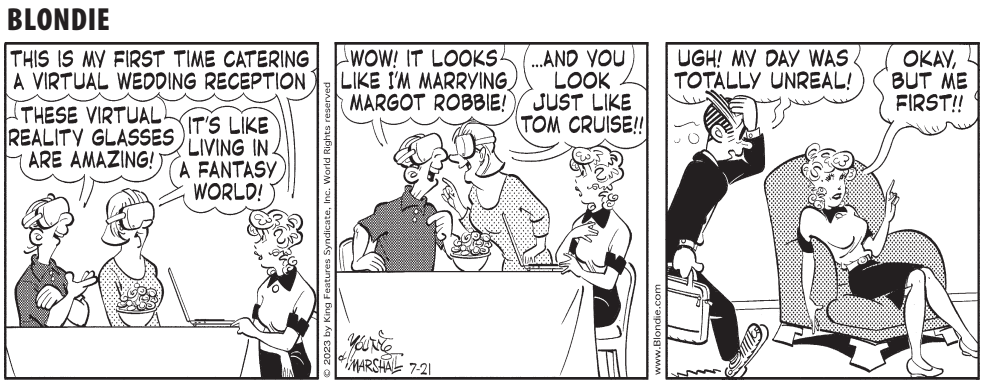
BLONDIE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THESE VIRTUAL REALITY GLASSES ARE AMAZING!
IT'S LIKE LIVING IN A FANTASY WORLD!
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WOW! IT LOOKS LIKE I'M MARRYING MARGOT ROBBIE!
...AND YOU LOOK JUST LIKE TOM CRUISE!!
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UGH! MY DAY WAS TOTALLY UNREAL!
OKAY, BUT ME FIRST!!
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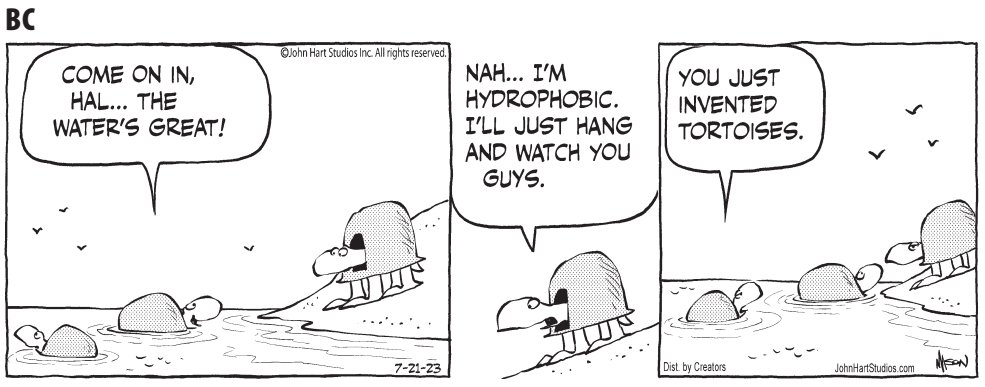
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COME ON IN, HAL... THE WATER'S GREAT!
NAH... I'M HYDROPHOBIC. I'LL JUST HANG AND WATCH YOU GUYS.
YOU JUST INVENTED TORTOISES.
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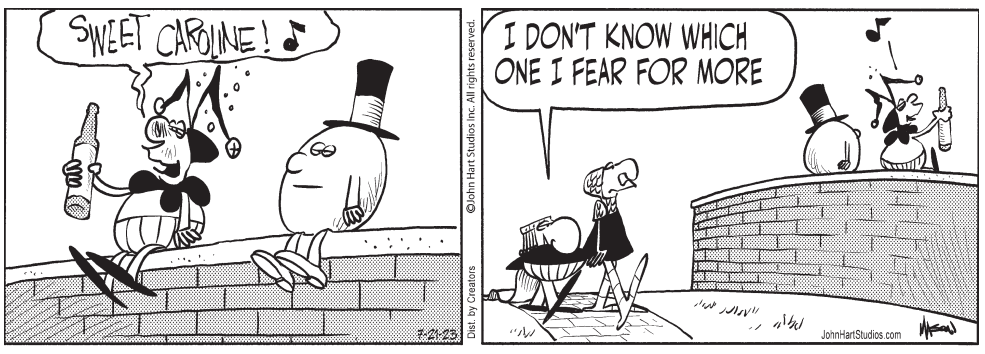

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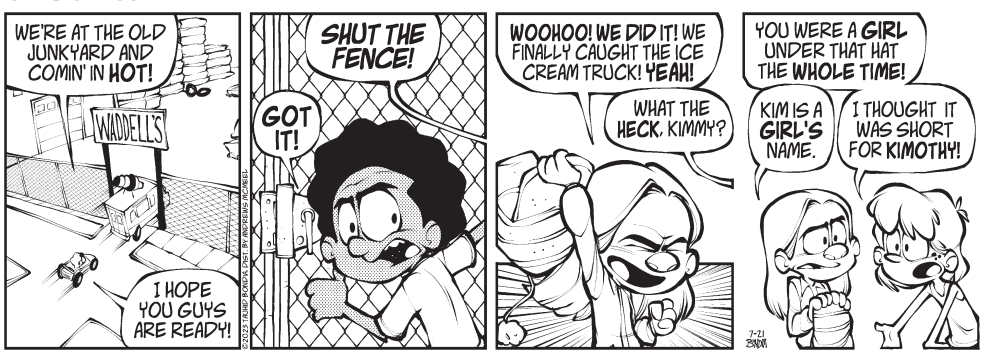
WE'RE AT THE OLD JUNKYARD AND COMIN' IN HOT!
WADDELL'S
I HOPE YOU GUYS ARE READY!
SHUT THE FENCE!
GOT IT!
WOOHOO! WE DID IT! WE FINALLY CAUGHT THE ICE CREAM TRUCK! YEAH!
WHAT THE HECK, KIMMY?
YOU WERE A GIRL UNDER THAT HAT THE WHOLE TIME!
KIM IS A GIRL'S NAME.
I THOUGHT IT WAS SHORT FOR KIMOTHY!
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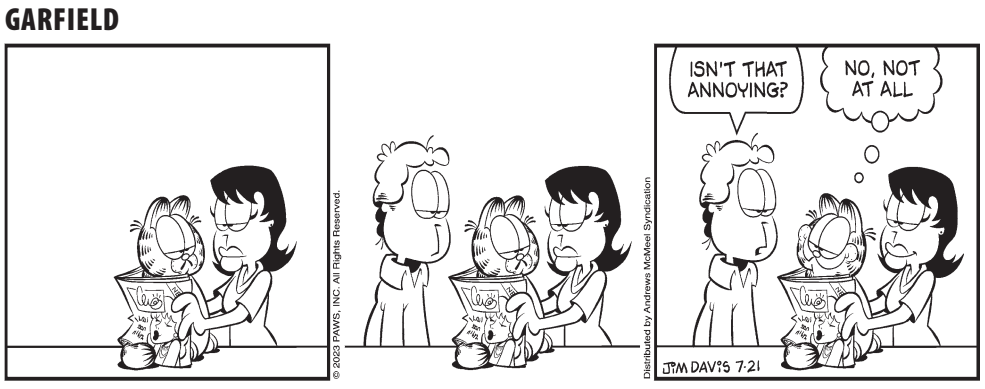
GARFIELD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ISN'T THAT ANNOYING?
NO, NOT AT ALL
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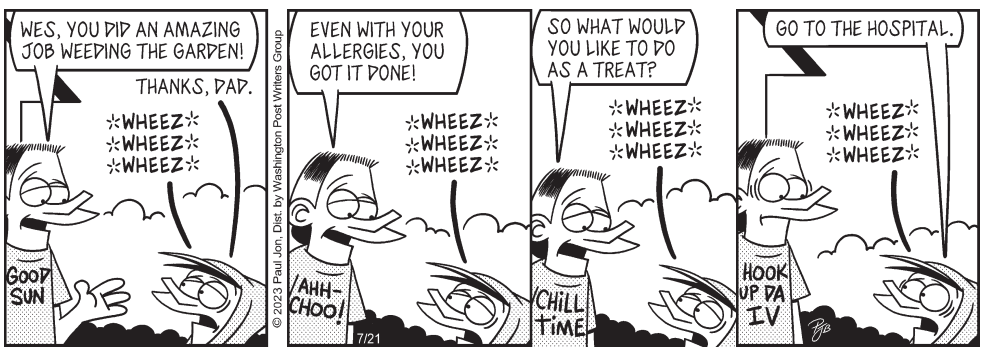
FORT KNOX


WES, YOU DID AN AMAZING JOB WEEDING THE GARDEN!
THANKS, DAD.
WHEEZ
GOOP SUN
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EVEN WITH YOUR ALLERGIES, YOU GOT IT DONE!
AHH-CHOO!
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SO WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO AS A TREAT?
CHILL TIME
GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
HOOK UP DA IV

PICKLES

OKAY, I GET IT. MESSAGE RECEIVED, LOUD AND CLEAR.
YOU DON'T WANT ME TO INSTALL A URINAL IN THE BEDROOM.
I SEE YOUR POINT AND I RESPECT YOUR WISHES.
BUT HOW ABOUT BY THE TV?
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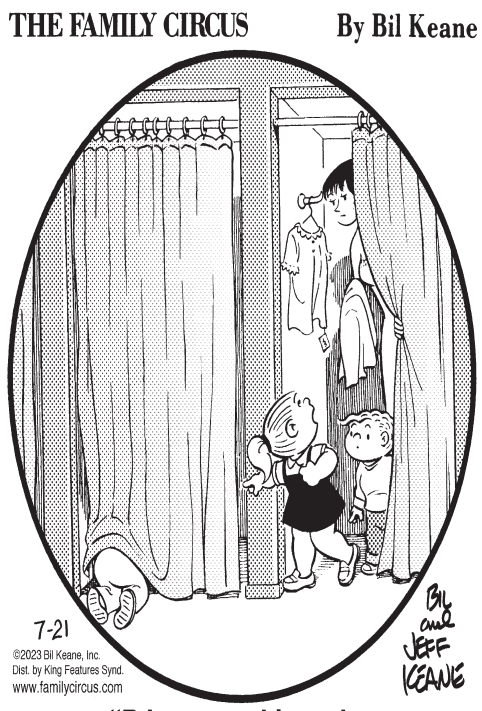

"PJ escaped into the next cell!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

COME ON, GUYS! LET'S GO!
I'M TIRED OF GETTING STUCK IN THE BACK SEAT!
BUT IT'S SAFER FOR YOU TO RIDE BACK THERE, ZOE.
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RIDING BACK HERE...
...I'M JUST TIRED OF GETTING STUCK!
HEY! YOU FOUND MY GUM!
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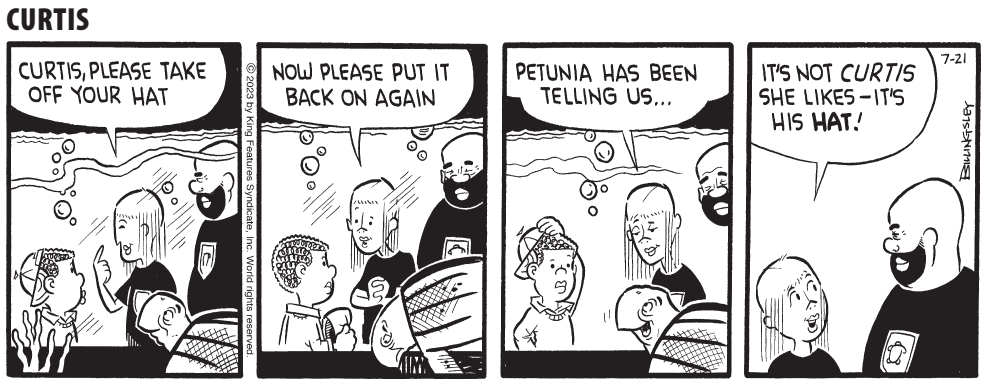
CURTIS


CURTIS, PLEASE TAKE OFF YOUR HAT
NOW PLEASE PUT IT BACK ON AGAIN
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PETUNIA HAS BEEN TELLING US...
IT'S NOT CURTIS SHE LIKES – IT'S HIS HAT!
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BUNKLEY

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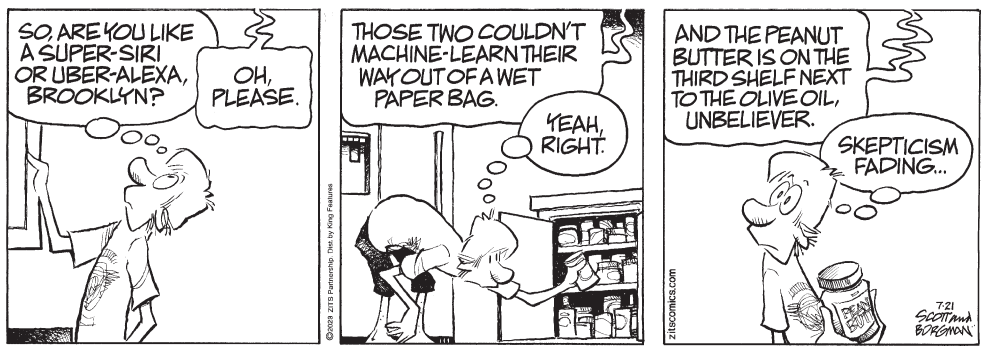
SO, ARE YOU LIKE A SUPER-SIRI OR UBER-ALEXA, BROOKLYN?
OH, PLEASE.
THOSE TWO COULDN'T MACHINE-LEARN THEIR WAY OUT OF A WET PAPER BAG.
YEAH, RIGHT.
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AND THE PEANUT BUTTER IS ON THE THIRD SHELF NEXT TO THE OLIVE OIL, UNBELIEVER.
SKEPTICISM FADING...
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SCOTT and BORGMAN

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

On this date:

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later.

In 1954, the Geneva Conference concluded with accords dividing Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1998, astronaut Alan Shepard, the first American to travel to space, died in Monterey, California, at age 74.

In 1999, Navy divers found and recovered the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard.

In 2002, Ernie Els won the British Open in the first sudden-death finish in the 142-year history of the tournament.

In 2008, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, one of the world's top war crimes fugitives, was arrested in a Belgrade suburb by Serbian security forces. (He was sentenced by a U.N. court in 2019 to life imprisonment after being convicted of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes.)

In 2009, prosecutors in Cambridge, Massachusetts, dropped a disorderly conduct charge against prominent Black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., who was arrested by a white officer at his home near Harvard University after a report of a break-in.

In 2011, the 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight.

In 2016, Donald Trump accepted the GOP presidential nomination with a speech in which he pledged to cheering Republicans and still-skeptical voters that as president, he would restore the safety they feared they were losing, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from what he said was Hillary Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

Ten years ago: Belgium's King Albert abdicated after a 20-year reign; his son Philippe took over as the fractured nation's seventh king. Phil Mickelson won the British Open, shooting a 5-under 66 to match the best round of the tournament and win his first claret jug. Britain's Chris Froome won the 100th Tour de France.

Five years ago: Reacting to the disclosure that his former lawyer had secretly taped their discussion about a potential payment for a former Playboy model, President Donald Trump called such taping "totally unheard of & perhaps illegal," but added that he "did nothing wrong." A store employee was shot and killed when a gunman who was being chased by police ran into a busy Los Angeles supermarket, where he held hostages for about three hours before handcuffing himself and surrendering; police determined that the employee, Melyda Corado, had been hit by a bullet fired by a police officer during an exchange of fire with the suspect.

One year ago: The House Jan. 6 committee made the case in its final hearing that Donald Trump's lies about a stolen election fueled the grisly Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol. The panel delved into 187 minutes in which it said Trump did nothing to stop the violence but instead "gleefully" watched on television. President Joe Biden tested positive for COVID-19 and isolated with "very mild symptoms," the White House said. A federal judge sentenced former Minneapolis police Officer Thomas Lane to 2½ years in prison for violating George Floyd's civil rights, calling Lane's role in the restraint that killed Floyd "a very serious offense in which a life was lost" but handing down a sentence well below what prosecutors and Floyd's family sought.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Norman Jewison is 97. Actor Leigh Lawson is 80. Singer Yusuf Islam (also known as Cat Stevens) is 75. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 75. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 72. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 70. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 66. Actor Lance Guest is 63. Actor Matt Mulhern is 63. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 60. Retired soccer player Brandi Chastain is 55. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 54.

BEETLE BAILEY

LOOK AT THIS INSULTING CARTOON OF ME THEY PRINTED IN THE CAMP NEWSPAPER!
THAT'S HILARIOUS!
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SWAMPY BUGLE
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BUT THEY DREW ME AS A CLOWN!
DINNER'S READY, "CHUCKLES"
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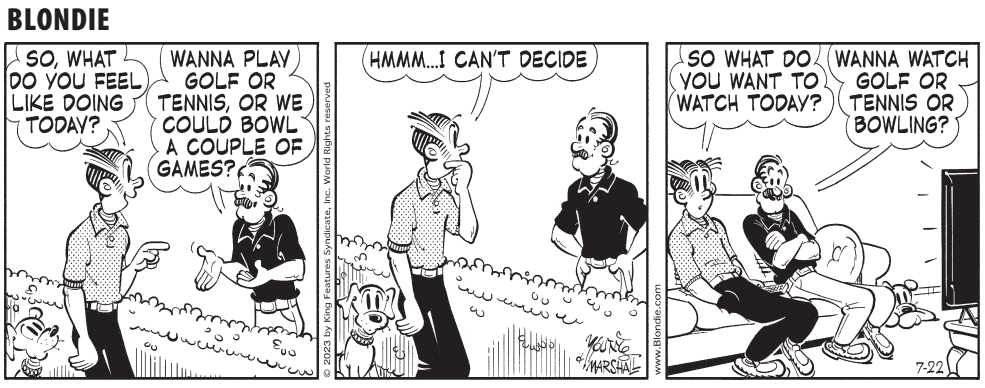
SO, WHAT DO YOU FEEL LIKE DOING TODAY?
WANNA PLAY GOLF OR TENNIS, OR WE COULD BOWL A COUPLE OF GAMES?
HMMM...I CAN'T DECIDE
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO WATCH TODAY?
WANNA WATCH GOLF OR TENNIS OR BOWLING?
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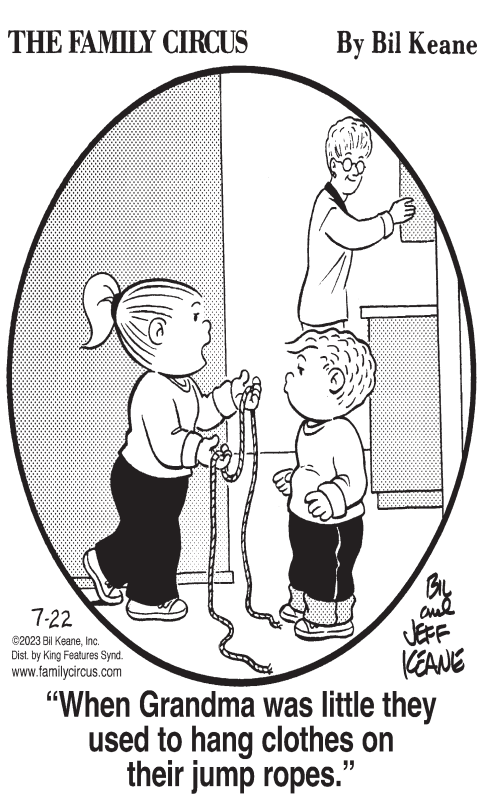
YOUNG MARSHALL

FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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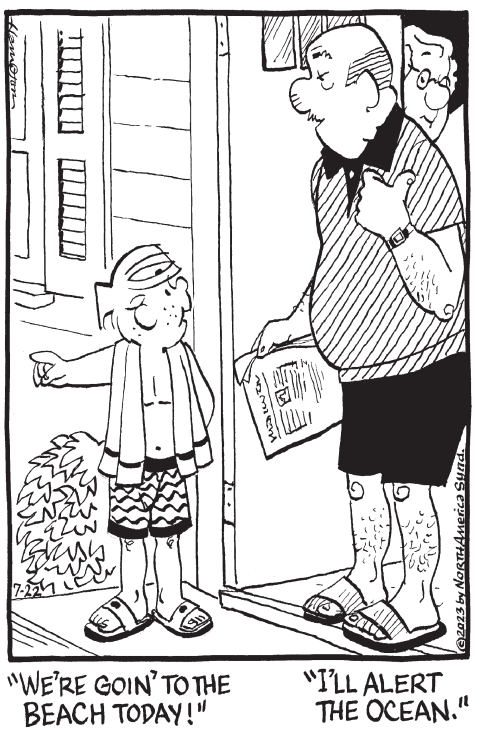
Bil and JEFF KEANE
"When Grandma was little they used to hang clothes on their jump ropes."

DENNIS THE MENACE



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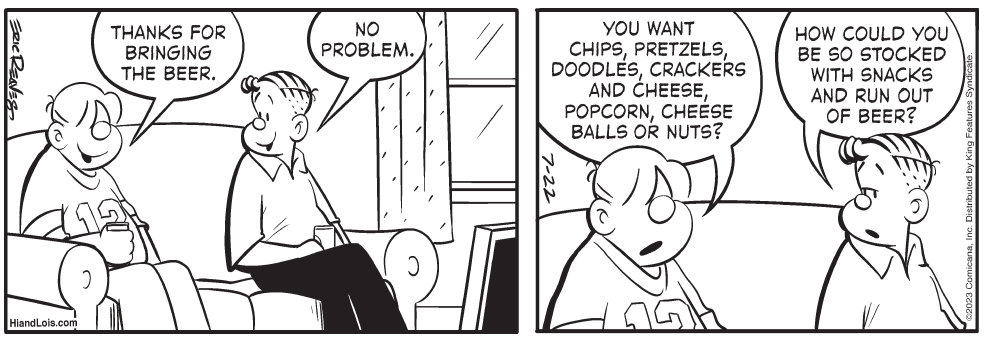
THANKS FOR BRINGING THE BEER.
NO PROBLEM.
HiandLois.com
YOU WANT CHIPS, PRETZELS, DOODLES, CRACKERS AND CHEESE, POPCORN, CHEESE BALLS OR NUTS?
HOW COULD YOU BE SO STOCKED WITH SNACKS AND RUN OUT OF BEER?
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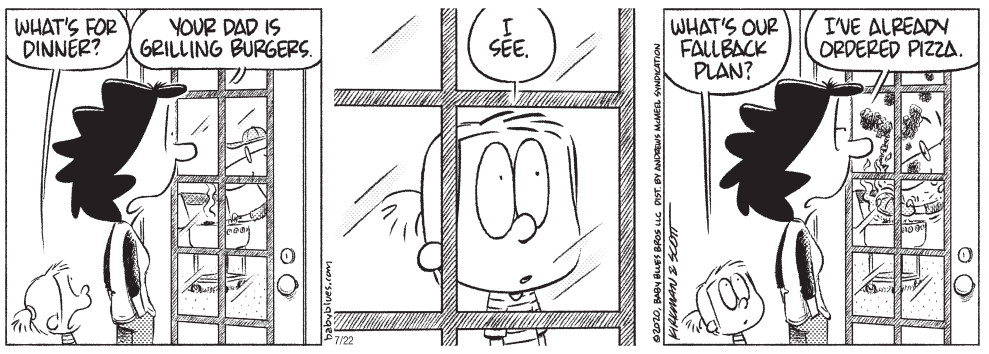
BABY BLUES



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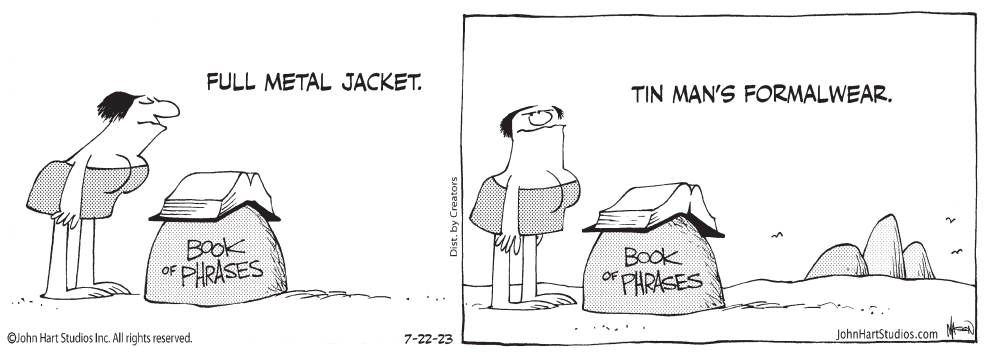

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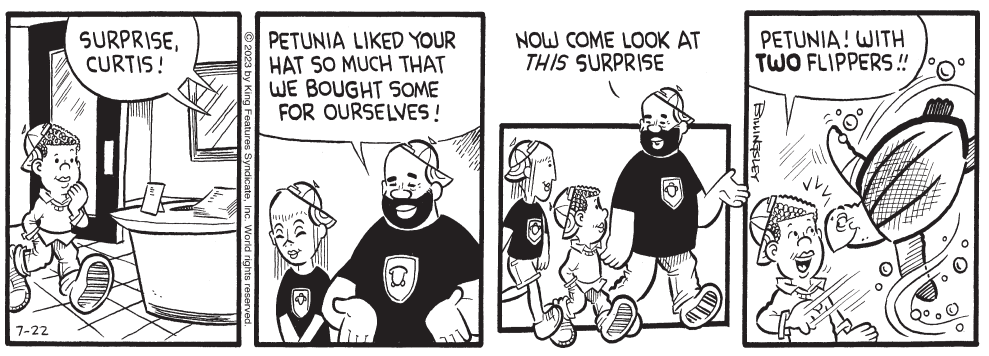
SURPRISE, CURTIS!
PETUNIA LIKED YOUR HAT SO MUCH THAT WE BOUGHT SOME FOR OURSELVES!
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NOW COME LOOK AT THIS SURPRISE
PETUNIA! WITH TWO FLIPPERS!!
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Brunetti

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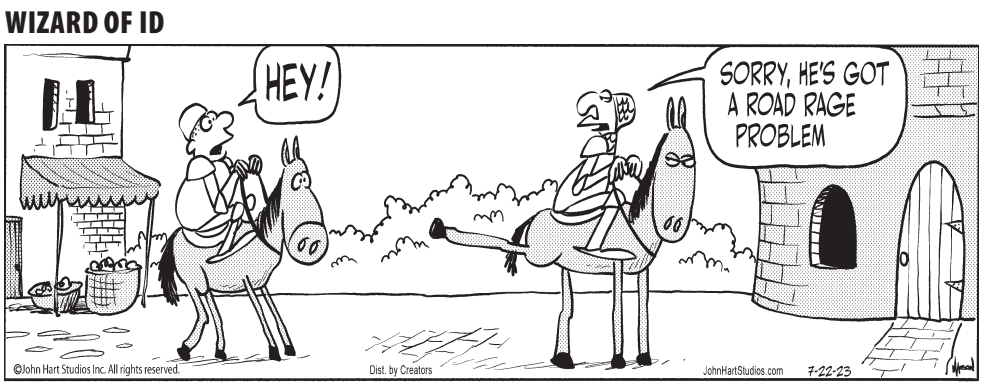

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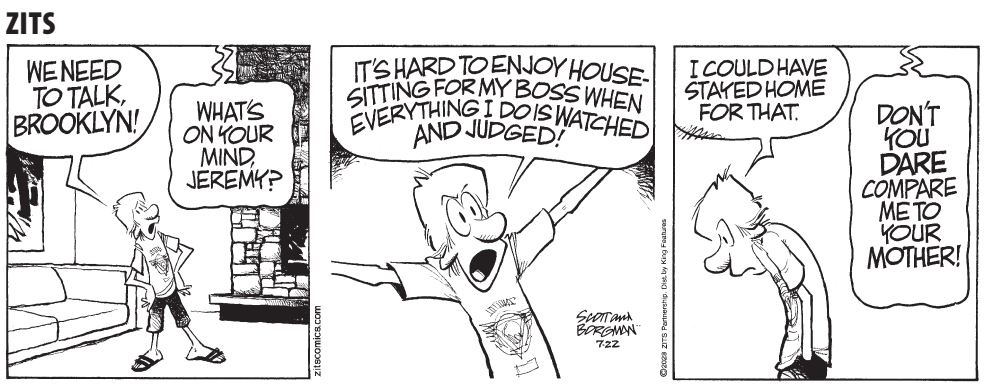
WE NEED TO TALK, BROOKLYN!
WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, JEREMY?
IT'S HARD TO ENJOY HOUSE-SITTING FOR MY BOSS WHEN EVERYTHING I DO IS WATCHED AND JUDGED!
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I COULD HAVE STAYED HOME FOR THAT.
DON'T YOU DARE COMPARE ME TO YOUR MOTHER!
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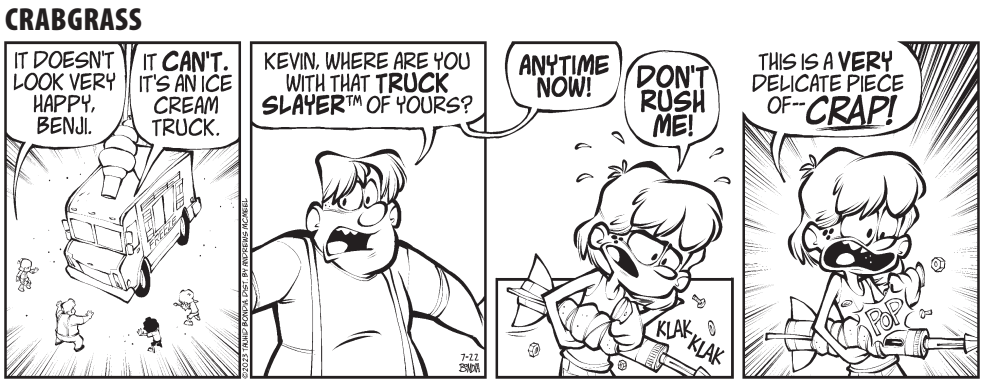
IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY HAPPY, BENJI.
IT CAN'T. IT'S AN ICE CREAM TRUCK.
KEVIN, WHERE ARE YOU WITH THAT TRUCK SLAYER™ OF YOURS?
ANYTIME NOW!
DON'T RUSH ME!
KLAK KLAK
THIS IS A VERY DELICATE PIECE OF--CRAP!
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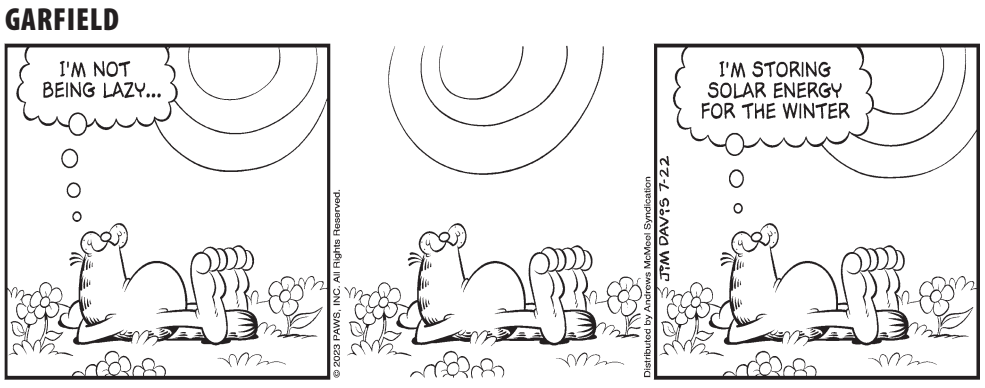
GARFIELD


I'M NOT BEING LAZY...
I'M STORING SOLAR ENERGY FOR THE WINTER
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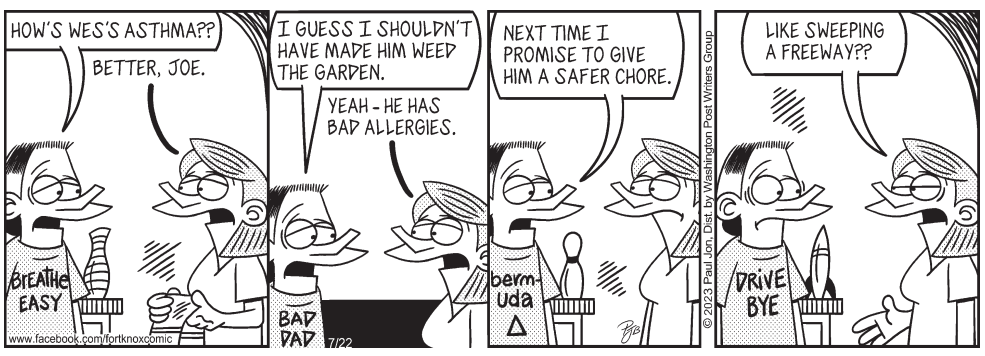
FORT KNOX


HOW'S WES'S ASTHMA??
BETTER, JOE.
BREATHE EASY
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I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE HIM WEED THE GARDEN.
YEAH - HE HAS BAD ALLERGIES.
BAD DAD
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NEXT TIME I PROMISE TO GIVE HIM A SAFER CHORE.
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LIKE SWEEPING A FREEWAY??
DRIVE BYE
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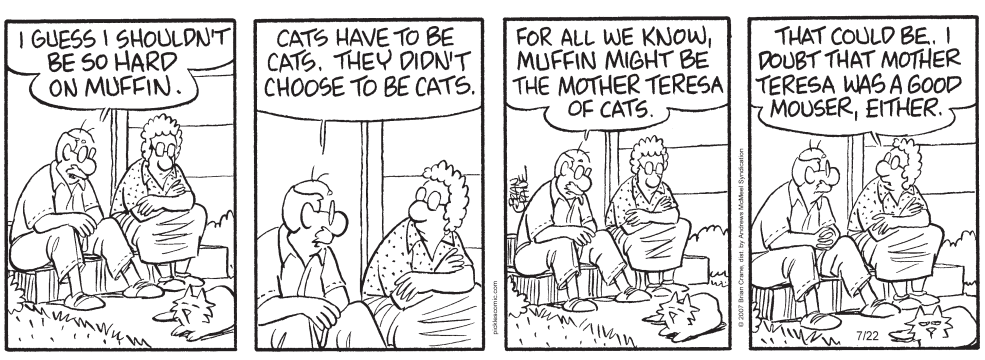
PICKLES


I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SO HARD ON MUFFIN.
CATS HAVE TO BE CATS. THEY DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE CATS.
FOR ALL WE KNOW, MUFFIN MIGHT BE THE MOTHER TERESA OF CATS.
THAT COULD BE. I DOUBT THAT MOTHER TERESA WAS A GOOD MOUSER, EITHER.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1937, the U.S. Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp. Gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1967, American author, historian and poet Carl Sandburg died at his North Carolina home at age 89.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys (Dahmer ended up being beaten to death by a fellow prison inmate).

In 2011, Anders Breivik, a self-described "militant nationalist," massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

In 2015, a federal grand jury indictment charged Dylann Roof, the young man accused of killing nine Black church members in Charleston, South Carolina, with 33 counts including hate crimes that made him eligible for the death penalty. (Roof would become the first person sentenced to death for a federal hate crime; he is on death row at a federal prison in Indiana.)

In 2020, the mayor of Portland, Oregon, was among those tear-gassed by U.S. government agents as he appeared outside a federal courthouse during raucous protests; Ted Wheeler and hundreds of others were objecting to the presence of federal police sent by President Donald Trump. Twitter said it would crack down on accounts and content related to the far-right conspiracy theory QAnon.

Ten years ago: Frenzied crowds of Roman Catholics in Rio de Janeiro mobbed the car carrying Pope Francis as he returned to his home continent for the first time as pontiff, embarking on a seven-day visit. The Duchess of Cambridge, the former Kate Middleton, gave birth to a son, Prince George, who became third in line to the British throne after Prince Charles and Prince William. 2011 National League MVP Ryan Braun was suspended without pay for the rest of the season and the postseason, the start of sanctions involving players reportedly tied to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs.

Five years ago: A man walking along a Toronto street fired a handgun into restaurants and cafes, killing two people and wounding 13 others; authorities said Faisal Hussain, described as an emotionally disturbed loner, fatally shot himself after the rampage. The 17 people killed when a tourist boat sank in a Missouri lake three days earlier were remembered at a service attended by hundreds in the tourism community of Branson. For the first time in nine years, Tiger Woods took the lead in the final round of a major golf tournament before finishing in a tie for sixth at the British Open; the event was won by Francesco Molinari in the first-ever major golf championship for an Italian.

One year ago: Steve Bannon, a longtime ally of former President Donald Trump, was convicted of contempt charges for defying a congressional subpoena from the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Russia and Ukraine signed separate agreements with Turkey and the United Nations clearing the way for the export of millions of tons of desperately needed Ukrainian grain — as well as some Russian grain and fertilizer — across the Black Sea. World Wrestling Entertainment impresario Vince McMahon announced his retirement amid an investigation into alleged misconduct involving the flamboyant businessman and showman who transformed a small wrestling company into a global entertainment business. (McMahon would return to the WWE board six months later.)

Today's Birthdays: Author Tom Robbins is 91. Actor Terence Stamp is 85. Singer George Clinton is 82. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 80. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 80. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 77. Actor Danny Glover is 77. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 77. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 76. Rock singer Don Henley is 76. Movie composer Alan Menken is 74. Singer-actor Lonette McKee is 70.

Lead issues inflating bid to repaint Hanover water tower

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the town's water tower in need of a painting, Hanover Town Council wants to use some of its American Rescue Plan money to do that but the 13 bids opened at Tuesday's meeting all exceed what was budgeted for the project due mainly to an issue involving lead paint.

The lowest bid was for $408,965 from Tank Pro Inc. of Northport, Alabama, while the highest bid was by Seven Brothers Painting Inc. of Shelby Township, Michigan, at $637,100.

In June, the town had allocated $349,849.93 in a category that included painting the water tower, which was last painted about 15 years ago, as well as some water meter, sewer and stormwater infrastructure development. Clint Roos, senior project engineer with Midwestern Engineers, said the engineers estimate for the repainting was $400,000.

"One of the issues that drove the cost of your project up is the presence of lead on both the interior and exterior of the tank, which required treatment with a pro-tox, then there will be containment on the tank. That drove up the cost of the re-paint," said Roos.

The other bids were O&A Classic Coatings and Painting LLC, Hurst, Texas, $442,000; G&L Tank Sandblasting and Coatings LLC, Shelbyville, Tennessee, $448,700; O&J Coatings Inc., Hurst, Texas, $459,000; Currens Construction Services LLC, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, $464,250; Viking Painting LLC, Lavista, Nebraska, $494,680; E&L Construction, Howell, Michigan, $508,900; Utility Service Company Inc., Perry, Georgia, $530,200; Maguire Iron Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, $557,500; D&M Painting Corporation, Washington, Pennsylvania, $566,560; Classic Protective Coatings Inc., Menomonie, Wisconsin, $581,858; and D and Six Sons Painting LLD, Stockbridge, Michigan, $630,100.

"There were a lot of bids. It was a very good turnout," Roos noted.

Roos will take the bids under consideration and after reviewing them provide a recommendation letter to the town. Due to the lead in the tank, Roos suggested the town apply to Bethany Legacy Foundation for a grant to cover the shortfall from what was allocated in ARP funds.

In other business:

• Council member Kenny Garrett provided an update on the progress of park improvements through a Land and Water Conservation grant through the Department of Natural Resources. Garrett said the paths for new park trails have been cut, and the refurbished tennis courts are being paved this week.

• Garrett said the town's insurance company is allowing the town $73,890.27 to repair a section of the roof at the Community Building that was damaged by a storm in early April. There was also some discussion on whether any warranty on the roof, which was new three years ago. Whatever occurs, Garrett said the roof needs to be addressed because of water damage that is being caused to the building because it has not yet been repaired.

• Carol Schroeder, a resident on Spruce Lane, said there have been several instances of vehicles driving the wrong way on Spruce Lane that's a one-way street, and asked that efforts be made to address that. "This has become completely unacceptable" because of the danger it causes. "I almost got hit this weekend, and it was almost a three-car pile-up because of people going the wrong way."

There was discussion about ways to improve signage along the street including the installation of "Wrong Way" signs, along with working with town police to address the problem.

• Town council president Debbie Kroger reported that Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has used the town's $20,000 contribution from its American Rescue Plan monies for a fire pump striker to install on its brush truck and a fire rescue unit.

GOP caucus elects Zimmerman as District 67 State Representative

BY BOB DEMAREE

A young attorney from North Vernon was elected as the new State Representative for District 67 at a Republican caucus on Monday in Versailles.

Alex Zimmerman

Alex Zimmerman won on the first ballot of voting, receiving 26 votes to defeat Pam Crozier with 16 votes, Deanna Burkart with 4 votes and Lisa Seng Shadday with 3 votes. He will now serve the unexpired term of former State Rep. Randy Frye, who retired due to health concerns.

Fifty-four Republican precinct members were eligible to vote in the caucus, but with 49 in attendance, 25 votes were needed to claim victory in just one round of voting.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity and I'm ready to get to work," Zimmerman said in an interview after his win.

"We have a four-county district," Zimmerman said, noting that no matter which county, "all of our counties will be served the same. If there's an event, I'm going to make sure I can be at that event as much as I can so I can be visible to the community because it is important in this role to be visible to the voters and to our constituents, and to do a good job for them."

When asked specifically about serving Jefferson County, Zimmerman said that withing the district "we have a lot of incredible natural resources, and those natural resources we can use to bring tourism to our cities and our towns. And Madison has done a wonderful job of that. I look forward to learning more about what Madison and Jefferson County is doing; that we might be able to translate that to Ripley, Jennings and Decatur counties as well."

The election of Zimmerman thwarted two bids to put a Jefferson County representation in the Indiana General Assembly, something that hasn't occurred since Markt Lance Lytle of Madison served as state representative from 1992-2004.

There were two Jefferson County residents on the ballot — Crozier who lives in Monroe Township and Shadday who resides in Madison.

"While I campaigned hard and was passionate about pursuing this position, the party has come to the conclusion that Alex Zimmerman will be a better fit to represent us in Indianapolis. I fully support him and the party's decision, and look forward to working with Alex when issues involving Jefferson County arise," Crozier said. "I will continue to work hard for the people of my community in the roles I'm currently in, and I look forward to keep on serving my community in the future."

Crozier is currently in her second term on Jefferson County Council and in her third year as party chair of the Jefferson County Republican Party. She has worked more than two decades in the banking industry, currently at First Financial Bank.

Shadday was making her second attempt for state representative. In 2014, she won the Republican primary for District 66 but was then defeated by Democrat Terry Goodin in the general election.

"Of course I wanted this, or I wouldn't have done it. And Alex had all the Jennings County support, and there are a lot of numbers there and he's done a lot for them there," Shadday said after the vote.

Of the precinct committee members available to vote, Jennings County had the most with 20 followed by Jefferson County with 19, Ripley County with 12 and Decatur County with 3.

Shadday said she doesn't necessarily have any plans to run again for state representative. "Alex seems like he's a great guy" and it's all according to what's the status of the seat. "I didn't see this coming" with Frye officially resigning July 8. "I don't know that anyone expected him to retire and not finish his term."

Shadday said any bids for political office in the future "would have to be something that speaks to me. I'm not going to go after somebody that's doing a good job. My ego isn't out there for that part of it. It would really be a serving thing … God gives you a shove and you do it sometimes."

Zimmerman grew up in Muncie and is a 2015 graduate of Franklin College and a 2020 graduate of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. He is an attorney with an office in North Vernon. Before opening his law practice, Zimmerman worked full-time for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus from December 2014 to November 2020.

Prior to the vote, each candidate was allowed to speak up to three minutes, along with a two-minute introduction with Indiana Republican Party chairman Kyle Hupfer leading the program.

Zimmerman was introduced by Jeanie Hahn, former Jennings County Republican Party chair. "I think it's extremely important this time that we elect someone who understands the needs of southeastern Indiana," said Hahn, noting District 67 is not one with large cities. "We have small cities and small towns, and that's the way we like it. So, we need somebody to go to Indianapolis and fight for us, and I think Alex Zimmerman is just the person to do that."

"It's really important that we pass conservative legislation in Indianapolis to invest in rural Indiana so that we can bring this population back to our district that will bring jobs, housing, development," Zimmerman said in his remarks. "And ultimately increasing tax revenue to our district. I chose to live here. I want southeast Indiana to be better, and I know all of us do too."

He said he is "pro law enforcement," particularly emphasizing local law enforcement. "What I see as the county attorney in Jennings County is our officers, we train them and then the state police comes in and takes them away. The State of Indiana needs to do a better job of giving tools to our local law enforcement to be able to better fund our department, to ultimately protect our citizens and our constituents."

Zimmerman also said he is "pro education choice" adding "our parents need to be involved in their children's education. And they need to have the choice of where to send their kids to school" with a focus on "learning reading, writing, arithmetic like I did when I was in school. No more critical race theory and no teaching about gender issues in our schools. I'm unashamedly pro life and I'm proud to say that and I am pro military as well."

Crozier was introduced by Madison Mayor Bob Courtney who called her "an exceptionally qualified candidate" that "can start policymaking from day one. Not only will she be in Indianapolis and be our bold voice, she is ready to commit full-time. I think that creates an exceptional opportunity for us to not have just a voice in Indianapolis but a full-time voice, and not just a part-time legislator. She'll bring bold solutions to Indianapolis, and represent Jefferson County and the district very well."

Crozier said, as lifelong resident of Jefferson County, "this district is a part of me, and I of it. I'm passionate about it. I'm passionate about its people and the issues that arise in it. This is why I want to serve. I want to be able to use my voice, my energy and advocate for our community, our district and make sure our interests and our values are heard at the statehouse. My career in community banking has taught me how to manage a budget, how to save money and still get important issues taken care of. I've seen firsthand how local businesses have both struggled and flourished and I have witnessed how government can either stifle a business's success or step out of the way and let it thrive."

Burkart, who placed third in the voting, is from Decatur County but was born in Ripley County. She is vice chair of the Decatur County Republican Party and has served on County Council since 2019.

Burkart was introduced by Mark Horstman, a County Commissioner in Decatur County who said, "I personally believe that our next state representative needs to understand our local government, our moral way of life and also be hard working. I know Deanna will represent and work very hard for District 67."

In her comments, Burkart said she would "make sure conservative voices continue to be heard at our statehouse. I want to keep an eye on and combat government overreach if needed. And most importantly, I want to preserve our rural way of life."

Shadday was introduced by Stephanie Grow, who said she has seen Shadday "put her faith and convictions into action. She always travels the high road whether it be professional or personal situations. I have watched her navigate impossible clientele and interpersonal situations with success and grace."

Shadday noted that she is "a Christian wife and mother. I am a conservative Hoosier American" who is ready to serve and advocate. She expressed she is pro Constitution, pro small government, pro second amendment and pro life as well as supportive of "much smaller and less intrusive government, and lower taxes. I hope for in the future Indiana could do away with the income tax altogether."

While Zimmerman's 26 votes gave him a majority, there were 23 votes split between Crozier, Burkart and Shadday and Zimmerman said he hopes to earn the trust of the entire district.

"I hope to reach out to all of those who didn't vote for me," said Zimmerman. "Obviously, I don't know who they were, but I plan to reach out to everybody and be accessible to all four of our counties." He said even though there were 26 caucus members who supported him that is "like a dot on the map compared to the population in the district."

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- Rainbow Youth Scholarship
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Lengthy investigation nets 4 drug trafficking arrests

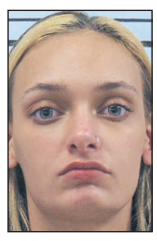
BY THE COURIER STAFF

An investigation over the last several months into alleged drug trafficking in Madison led to four arrests Tuesday led by Jefferson County Sheriff's Det. Yancy Denning and Madison Police Det. Kyle Cutshaw.

The four arrests came after a traffic stop and a search warrant were both executed on Tuesday.

Jordan Rand Chandler, 28 and Tiersa Blaze Adams, 19, were both taken into custody during a traffic stop executed in the parking lot of the Madison Walmart. Jefferson County Sheriff Chief Deputy Laura Pickel and her K-9 partner "Cuno" conducted an open-air sniff around the exterior of a vehicle operated by Chandler in which Adams was a passenger. The dog gave his handler a positive indication for the presence of narcotics and a subsequent search and investigation led to the discovery of what police described as a "significant amount" of methamphetamine and heroin.

Jordan Rand Chandler



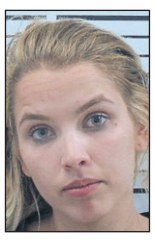
Savannah Rae Durbin

The search warrant was then executed at Chandler's Ross Street residence where officers located additional methamphetamine, cocaine and paraphernalia associated with the use of drugs. Tyler Ray Bennett, 28, and Savannah Rae Durbin, 22, were present when officers executed the Ross Street search warrant and both were taken into custody without incident on drug charges and lodged in the Jefferson County Jail without bond.

Those charged and their charges include:

• Jordan Rand Chandler was charged with Dealing Methamphetamine and Dealing in a Narcotic Drug (Heroin), both Level 2 felonies; Dealing in Cocaine and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 3 felonies; Possession of a Narcotic Drug (Heroin), a Level 4 felony; and Possession of Cocaine, Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Neglect of a Dependent, all Level 6 felonies. Additional narcotic dealing charges are anticipated against Chandler as a result of the ongoing investigation.

Tyler Ray Bennett



Tiersa Blaze Adams

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• Tyler Ray Bennett and Savanna Rae Durbin were both charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Cocaine, both Level 6 felonies; and Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor.

New Christian school to open in Carroll County

Hope Ministries Academy to occupy old English schoolhouse

BY SARA FINLEY
THE NEWS-DEMOCRAT

What started out as a group of home schoolers in a parent's basement during the COVID pandemic has grown and expanded ever since with plans to occupy a former schoolhouse in Carroll County this year as Hope Ministries Academy.

Maria Breeden

Maria Breeden, organizer of the private Christian academy, played a big role in the traction the school has experienced as enrollment has grown from 17 during the pandemic to a projected 29 this fall. The academy has expanded to bigger buildings three times so far and will now rent the former English Schoolhouse for the 29 students enrolled for the opening of classes next month.

"We started in the midst of COVID," Breeden said, adding that she and other parents initially met in her basement. The Christian-based academy follows an Abeka, biblically-influenced curriculum.

The move to the former schoolhouse, located at 3589 KY 389 in English, comes as the academy seeks to transition into a more legitimate educational facility. The academy has gone through several state inspections so far and has not yet been cleared for opening. According to state regulations, the building is capable of serving up to 49 students before the academy would need to upsize again but it does need more safety equipment installed.

"We have to raise funds to be able to get fire alarms and a sprinkler system in the building," said Breeden, who said a fundraiser is underway.

She said the school will operate on a non-profit model with all funds donated going to the school to pay for staffing, supplies and other necessities.

"We really don't make money," Breeden said, adding that even textbooks are not bought through the school but through separate entities with none of the proceeds coming back to the academy.

"This is kind of a ministry of mine that the Lord's put on my heart," Breeden explained. She said the word "hope" is found throughout the Bible and she wants the school to be about giving kids hope with a place for them to learn, grow and meet their educational needs.

The hope is to open the school, which formerly served as English School from 1929 until its closing in 1964, for classes by mid-August but that depends on state approvals.

"There's a step to everything," Breeden said, noting Aug. 14 is the anticipated first day of classes but if the state takes longer to grant approvals the opening might be pushed to Aug. 16.

"It all depends on the state," she said.

The group's Facebook page has announced a grand opening and open house for noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, at the school. There will be a bounce house for the kids and a chance to meet the teachers and staff.

Image submitted

The old English Schoolhouse served as a school from 1929 to 1964 when it closed after consolidation with a new school building in Carrollton. The school was closed when cracks were found in the foundation and it also lacked indoor plumbing at that time.

Firefighters battle 2 fires, make Clifty Park rescue

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Monday morning fire destroyed a double-wide modular home in the 6400 block of North 800 West in Lancaster Township.

Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black said REMC workers were in the area working on power lines and trees had were downed on 933 West by storms the night before when they came upon the structure fire on North 800 West.

Madison Township was first fire department on the scene, and when the first firefighters arrived the house was already fully engulfed.

"There was fire from one end of the house to the other," said Black.

Black said efforts to knock down the fire included pumping 250 gallons of water a minute onto the structure. Tankers were arriving from the Kent, Deputy, Dupont and Madison Township fire departments, and nearly all of that water was used to put out the fire.

"We didn't run out of water, but we were close," Black said.

The fire, which was reported at about 6:50 a.m., took about 2-1/2 hours to extinguish. Black said that prior to the fire there had been power surges in the home. The residents were not in the structure at the time of the blaze as one of them was picking up the other from working a night shift, and were in their vehicle at the time of the fire, he said.

In addition to the four fire departments, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was on the scene along with Norton King's Daughters' Health EMS and the Salvation Army.

Later Monday morning, another fire was reported at the top of Lonnis Hill Road in Shelby Township involving a pole barn with baled hay and farm equipment. Madison Township was also involved in fighting that fire but Canaan Fire Department was the lead fire department. The blaze took about one hour to extinguish.

On Sunday afternoon, Madison Township Fire Department was dispatched to a rescue on Trail 7 at Clifty Falls State Park after a female hiker experienced a medical seizure.

A Stokes basket was used to transport the hiker up a stairway using a rope system to slide the basket along the hand rails. Black said the rescue took about 55 minutes.

Assistance was provided by Rykers Ridge and Hanover fire departments, along with two city of Madison firefighters and Norton King's Daughters' Health EMS.

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"Layin' it on the line"

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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In the world of finance, annuities stand out as a reliable and valuable tool for women seeking financial security. Let's explore why annuities can be a woman's best friend, offering simplicity, stability, and peace of mind for their long-term financial goals.

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Charlie Rohlfing

Lighthouse Bar & Restaurant co-owner Erica Soule is shown.

SPLASH

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co-owner of the Lighthouse along with her husband, Lucas. "We're using it as our new restaurant area, with the bottom section closed in and climate controlled, and the top area open to the river views and breezes. I can tell you, the top floor has been super popular with diners."

The Soules purchased the Lighthouse last year with some exciting new ideas for how to expand and improve the business. "The bar area is larger now, with a dedicated area at the end for live music. And of course, the dining capacity is doubled," continues Erica.

"We've made a commitment to high quality service, including a host to meet you and seat you when you come down the ramp," she said. "We've been open a few months now and it's going great. We have our strongest, best team of employees now, and the community has been great supporting us.

"Some of the weekends have been off the charts, really. The weekend of the car show we ordered double food from our suppliers, and we completely sold out before the weekend was over. Regatta was great, too.

"The other thing that is helping us, I believe, is having music. I just feel like you have to have music if you want your place to be fun and provide that memorable experience. Lucas and I both love live music, we love to dance, and we love karaoke, so it is kind of personal for us to make this place part of Madison's music scene.

"As of right now we are having music on occasional Wednesdays, then every other Friday we have karaoke, then live music every Saturday, and then occasional Sundays at noon. We've had Erik Brunner, Joe and Deano, Johnny & Sally, Vaguely Familiar and a bunch more of Madison's great pool of talent. We truly believe, if you have great music, you'll have a great crowd.

"I mentioned karaoke every other Friday, and that kind of holds a special place among our customers and our employees. Later in the evening we'll get the cooks out here singing songs, the servers, it turns into a really fun party. It's a way for our staff to bond and unify, while our loyal customers are right in the mix singing their favorites, too.

"If you come down to visit us, keep in mind we are a work in progress. Not everything is painted yet. The full canopy on the second floor is not installed yet. There is a lot to do before it's completely finished, but we are working on it as fast as we can, and the response has been amazing. There's just something about having a meal or a beer while floating on the river!"

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Rivertown Grill — Open Mic

The Drake — Tim Wolf w/ Danny & Kerry

FRIDAY, JULY 21

Rivertown Grill — Strange Brew

Mad Paddle — Inside Out

VFW — L&L Karaoke

The Central — Jordan Wilson Band

1st Street Saloon — Bill Burleigh

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Rivertown Grill — Crossfire

The Central — Power Plant

1st Street Saloon — Mitch Ellis

Thomas Family Winery — Donnie Rose

Mad Paddle — Missy & The Howlers

VFW — Rock Steady Band

The Drake — Joe, Deano, Danny & Kerry

The Lighthouse — Beecamp Bottom Boys

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Rivertown Grill — Fred Elam

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

You'll want to take note that Mad Paddle Brewery is open this weekend, with live music on both Friday and Saturday. Mad Paddle is only open on selected weekends this summer, so get on down there if you enjoy their popular Blood Orange beer and the one-of-a-kind atmosphere of their historic feed mill building. Saturday looks like a perfect "walk about" evening in downtown Madison, with live music at six locations, all within a few blocks of each other. Most, if not all the venues, will have no cover charge, so it's really fun to just circulate around and check them all out. A warm summer night with live music spilling onto the streets is what Indiana's Music City is all about!

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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

July 17, 2023

Rodney Johnson, 54, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond $100 cash.

July 18, 2023

Tiersa Blaze Adams, 19, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine and Dealing in a Narcotic Drug (heroin), both Level 2 felonies; Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony; Possession of a Narcotic Drug (heroin), a Level 5 felony; and Possession of Cocaine, Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Neglect of a Dependent, all Level 6 felonies. No bond.

Tyler Ray Bennett, 28, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Cocaine, both Level 6 felonies; and Visiting a Common Nuisance, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Jordan Rand Chandler, 28, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine and Dealing in a Narcotic Drug (heroin), both Level 2 felonies; Dealing in Cocaine and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 3 felonies, Possession of a Narcotic Drug (heroin), a Level 4 felony; Possession of Cocaine, a Level 5 felony; and Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Neglect of a Dependent, both Level 6 felonies. No bond.

Savannah Rae Durbin, 22, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cocaine or a Narcotic Drug and Unlawful Possession or Use of a Narcotic Drug, all Level 6 felonies; Possession of a Schedule Narcotic, a Class A misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana and Visiting a Common Nuisance-Alcohol, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Robert Michael Faulkner, 25, North Vernon, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (possession of marijuana). Bond $250 cash.

Kaitlyn Raye Garlinghouse, 22, Madison, for Domestic Battery-4 Counts, all Level 6 felonies. No bond.

Larry Moeller, 45, Hanover, on a writ of body attachment warrant. No bond.

Billy Jo Youngblood, 40, Columbus, Indiana, for Theft and Neglect of a Dependent-Child Violations, both Level 6 felonies; and Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

July 19, 2023

Jonathan Levi Evans, 35, Lexington, Indiana, to serve time on a misdemeanor court-ordered probation violation. No bond.

Ricky Manning, 65, Avon, to serve time on a misdemeanor court-ordered probation violation. No bond.

Frank Christopher Rush, 41, Madison, for Driving on a Suspended License-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

William T. Lucas, 47, no address listed, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Driving on a Suspended License-Prior Suspension Within 10 Years, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond $1,000 cash.

James Eric Jester, 46, Madison, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor; and Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Tony Ray Jester, 48, Vevay, Indiana, for Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor; and Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Wilmer Zuniga Corado, 19, Madison, on multiple felony and misdemeanor arrest warrants (operating while intoxicated, operating without a license, false identity and minor consumption of alcohol). Bond a combined $15,000 cash.

July 20, 2023

Travis Jones, 20, no address listed, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; Leaving the Scene of a Crash-Property Damage, a Class B misdemeanor; and Minor in Possession of Alcohol, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond $500 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

July 17, 2023

Teresa Gross, 63, Madison, for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated-First Offense/No Endangerment, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 58 days suspended for non-reporting probation plus $389.50 in fees and court costs and loss of license for 60 days.

Hayley Michelle Theriault, 31, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended for 365 days supervised probation plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Jin Yang Kinman, 69, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended for non-reporting probation plus $289 in fees and court costs.

Ramon A. Cruz Rodriguez, 28, Louisville, for Knowingly or Intentionally Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 58 days suspended for 180 days supervised probation plus $289.50 in fees and court costs.

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BRIDGE

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had weight limit reductions to 22 tons, meaning all heavy truck traffic was already being routed away from the span, said Carroll County Judge-Excecutive David Willhoite.

The broken rockers, which allow expansion joints to flex, mean the bridge will be limited to vehicles weighing under 10 tons until emergency repairs are made. Willhoite said passenger cars, light pickups and ambulances fall under that weight limit but fire trucks, buses, large farm trucks and implements and larger trucks would exceed the imposed limits that will be enforced by Department of Transportation Enforcement officers.

"It's unbelievable the amount of vehicles that come over that bridge," Willhoite said, noting the weight limit could impact fire protection and school transportation but commuters to and from factories in Carroll County and Madison should be OK as long as the condition remains the same.

The hope is that repairs can be made to the broken rockers in a timely fashion. Willhoite said KYDOT informed him earlier this week that the parts have been ordered and should arrive by Monday, July 24. Repairs would then begin as soon as possible and as long, as no setbacks are experienced, be completed in a matter of days.

The process of replacing the rockers will involve jacking up the bridge and swapping out new rockets for the two broken parts. How long that will take and whether total or partial closures will be required has yet to be determined. Once the repairs are finished, the bridge should return to a 22-ton weight limit.

The bridge, a two-lane continuous truss span with pedestrian walkway that opened in 1952, carries more than 10,000 vehicles a day. Carroll County has been lobbying the state to replace or refurbish the span for years. The governor announced a $26.8 million project in 2022 to replace the bridge in 2023-2026 but that project has since been put in a hold.

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combination of the busy highway and businesses at that intersection have made condition more hazardous to traffic. In the past, town council officials have unsuccessfully requested the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) locate a traffic light at that intersection.

Lambert suggested that the solution might be a roundabout. "While state INDOT has not been interested in a stoplight, perhaps because they're worried about the traffic flow, would they be more open to a roundabout?" A roundabout already exists in Jefferson County at the intersection of U.S. 421 and State Road 62 just west of the Norton King's Daughters' Health campus.

Additionally, Lambert said a roundabout might be a future consideration at the intersection of Madison Avenue and State Road 56. As part of the master plan for Hanover College, Lambert said there is interest in establishing a new entrance to the college in which a new road would be created entering into the sports complex. "What we would end up doing is closing off the direct entrances from our physical plant so we would have a direct entrance into our sports complex," he said.

If the college creates that new road and entrance, he said a roundabout could be the best way to deal with the roads that would converge at Madison Avenue and State Road 56.

Lambert said he definitely would like to be involved in any discussions the town has with INDOT engineers on improvements to State Road 56 in Hanover. "Everything we do in this town depends on the state highway. It's just the world that we live in, and we have got to get the state on board to support what we want to do to make the town prosper."

There have been recent efforts towards collaboration between Hanover College and the town including current work on a $6.4 million sewer system and wastewater treatment plant improvement project to serve not only the college but also areas extending to Hanover Beach.

As part of the town's efforts in planning for a Hanover comprehensive plan, there will be public workshop Saturday at noon at the Hanover Community Building, 200 Spruce Lane. Council member Treva Shelton emphasized the workshop is not just intended for Hanover residents but everyone who lives in Jefferson County. "We want input for what people would like to see in Hanover," she said, noting that whether or not they live in Hanover, those interested should be part of helping the town develop priorities.

At the same time, the Hanover Parks Department and Chelsea Church of God are hosting a Community Back to School Party at the Hanover Community Park on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. that's open to all residents of Jefferson County. While supplies last, there will be backpacks for children who need them. There will also be food and two water slides for kids, along with live music.

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Benson's 3-run homer helps Reds cool Giants in win

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Will Benson hit a three-run homer, and the Cincinnati Reds snapped San Francisco's seven-game win streak with a 3-2 victory over the Giants on Wednesday night.

Graham Ashcraft pitched into the seventh inning as Cincinnati stopped a six-game slide that dropped the surprising Reds into second in the NL Central, trailing Milwaukee. It was a season-worst skid for Cincinnati.

The Reds (51-46) had four hits. They had been 0-9 this year when they finished with four or fewer hits.

Blake Sabol homered for San Francisco, and Ross Stripling pitched six innings of three-run ball. The Giants (54-42) are tied with the Diamondbacks for second place in the NL West, trailing the Dodgers.

Ashcraft (5-7) departed after Sabol led off the seventh with an opposite-field drive that just cleared the wall in left. Sabol's 11th homer trimmed Cincinnati's lead to 3-2.

Ashcraft allowed five hits, struck out three and walked two, continuing his turnaround after a rough stretch. The right-hander improved to 2-1 with a 1.82 ERA in his last four starts.

Ian Gibaut, Lucas Sims and Alexis Díaz each pitched an inning after Ashcraft departed. Díaz struck out two while working a 1-2-3 ninth in his 27th save in 28 tries.

Christian Encarnacion-Strand and Tyler Stephenson opened the third with singles before Benson drove a backdoor slider deep to left-center for a 3-0 lead. It was Benson's sixth homer of the season.

GIANTS SWEEP 2 GAMES

Casey Schmitt drew a bases-loaded walk that forced home the go-ahead run in a three-run seventh inning, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Cincinnati Reds 11-10 Tuesday night for a seven-game winning streak.

San Francisco began the evening by winning the completion of Monday's suspended game 4-2 behind Joc Pederson's tiebreaking, 10th-inning double.

Cincinnati has lost six straight, matching its season high.

Wilmer Flores homered twice off Luke Weaver, a solo drive in the first and a three-run homer in the third that tied the score 4-4. Flores had three home runs in the two games.

Christian Encarnacion-Strand, a 23-year-old playing his second big league game, had a pinch-hit, three-run homer off Mauricio Llovera in the fifth for an 8-7 Reds lead. He was surprised to be sent up to pinch-hit.

Jake Fraley and Will Benson hit two-run homers against Anthony DeSclafani, and Joey Votto hit a two-run homer off Jakob Junis.

The suspended game was 2-2 when interrupted with one out in the top of the eighth after a wait of 1:55.

With automatic runner Brett Wisely on second, Pederson drove a pitch from Ian Gibaut (8-2) that hit the left-field wall on a hop. Pederson advanced on Flores' groundout and scored when, with the infield in, Conforto hit a sharp grounder to a diving Jonathan India. Pederson scored standing up ahead of an off-line throw from the second baseman.

Reds rookie Elly De La Cruz, in a 1-for-19 slide, had walked leading off the ninth against Tyler Rogers (3-4). De La Cruz stole his 17th base — he was initially being called out by second base umpire Adam Beck but the decision was reversed in a video review.

Before the next pitch, Rogers picked off De La Cruz, who tried for third and was caught stealing for the third time this year.

Next chapter of Messi's career begins Friday

BY ALANIS THAMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The seats at DRV PNK Stadium filled up quickly with fans eager to get a glimpse at Inter Miami's new superstar.

Lionel Messi — arguably the greatest soccer player ever — stood on a runway in the middle of the field looking out at his new home.

"Thank you Miami," Messi said to the crowd. "I'm happy to be here with you all."

The next chapter of the 36-year-old's storied career will begin here. Not at Camp Nou in Barcelona or Parc des Princes in Paris. At Inter Miami's DRV PNK Stadium — a cozy venue in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, decorated with the team's pink and black colors.

Messi will make his Inter Miami debut Friday against Cruz Azul in the League's Cup. Coach Tata Martino told ESPN on Wednesday that he hasn't decided if Messi and fellow Inter Miami newcomer Sergio Busquets will start, or how long they will play.

When the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner announced in June that he would join Inter Miami, the club — which is only in its fourth season — had to rush to add renovations to the stadium to accommodate the added attention.

Inter Miami for now plays home matches at the 18,000-seat stadium about 45 minutes north of the site in Miami where the team wants to build a permanent complex. DRV PNK Stadium was built on the previously named Lockhart Stadium, which was originally designed for high school sports. It sits across the street from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, where Messi and his family arrived last week.

Silver bleachers were added last week to the northeast and southeast corners, increasing capacity by about 3,000 seats. That will still leave it well short of the nearly 100,000 seats at Camp Nou, where Messi rose to international stardom.

"You probably could never add enough seats to accommodate all of the interest that the team is experiencing," said Stephanie Toothaker, outside counsel for Inter Miami. "I think we've done as much as we can in such a short period of time."

Inter Miami co-owner David Beckham can relate to the adjustment of coming from overseas to play in MLS. Beckham in 2007 joined the LA Galaxy after spending the early years of his career playing at Old Trafford with Manchester United then at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium with Real Madrid.

The league was much different when Beckham made his transition.

"I think there was 15 teams in the league at that point," Beckham said. "Not many teams had soccer-specific stadiums. Now, there's 30 teams in the league, and most of the teams have stadiums."

Average MLS attendance this season is just under 23,000. Inter Miami is averaging 16,482. In June, Messi suited up for Argentina in an exhibition match against Australia in Beijing in front of more than 50,000 people.

In the weeks after Messi's announcement, some speculated that the team could move its home matches to the 65,000-seat Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, home of the NFL's

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Photos by David Campbell

Madison Post 9 baseball assistant coach Gary O'Neal (left) watches pitcher Bodie Heckler throw during practice on Wednesday. The Niners will play in the American Legion baseball state finals this weekend in Kokomo.

STUNNING RUN

Surprising Niners heading to Legion state finals

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison Post 9 baseball coach Kyle Harsin knew that he had a talented group on his hands. But with a roster two and sometimes three years younger than the competition, he wasn't sure how far his team would be able to go.

As it turned out, pretty far.

Madison Post 9 surprised heavily-favored Crawfordsville at last weekend's regional and earned a berth in the American Legion Indiana State Finals this weekend in Kokomo.

The Niners were an afterthought behind Crawfordsville and Terre Haute going into the regional tournament but emerged as a surprising runner-up complete with a berth in the state finals.

Harsin wasn't surprised that his young squad played well. But thanks to a new Legion rule that allows for players up to 19 years old, he wasn't sure they would physically be able to match up.

"Those were some grown men," Harsin said of the competition with a grin. "Full beards, the works."

Shawe's Jacob Hertz takes a cut at a pitch by Madison Post 9 baseball head coach Kyle Harsin in the batting tunnel during practice on Wednesday.

All eyes were on Terre Haute Post 346 and Crawfordsville Post 72, the two archrivals who have been at each other's throats all season. But Madison was prepared to play the spoiler.

The Niners (10-4) actually opened the weekend with a 4-1 loss to Crawfordsville on Friday night. Madison was limited to just three hits — all in the first inning — and Bodie Harsin collected an RBI single.

After Terre Haute defeated Crawfordsville 4-3 in eight innings, Madison took on Post 72 in an elimination game with the loser going home.

The Niners struck quickly, getting three runs in the first and two more in the second to take a 5-1 lead. Madison then exploded for five runs in the fourth to go ahead 10-1.

Crawfordsville rallied and tied the score in the fifth but RBI singles by Holden Gluba and Kaid Fink lifted Madison to a 12-10 win and sent the Niners into the championship round. Damon Hardin struck out six in two innings of relief to get the win.

Once in the championship round, the Niners stunned undefeated Terre Haute Post 346 with an 11-7 victory as Jacob Hertz picked up the win on the mound.

Because of the double-elimination format, the two teams played a final game with Terre Haute finally

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WNBA first-time All Star Boston front-runner for rookie of year

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aliyah Boston just wanted to fit in as a WNBA rookie.

She has, and more. The first-time All Star's historic season has made her the front-runner for rookie of the year honors and infused renewed hope for the Indiana Fever franchise.

The organization's league record-tying 20 game losing streak ended in May and Indiana already has matched last season's victory total (five). Two more wins would give the Fever their highest single-season total since 2019. And maybe some second-half magic will finally put Indiana in the playoffs for the first time since 2016.

With Boston, anything seems possible.

"I knew she was special, but she's exceeded it," first-year coach Christy Sides said. "You just don't know until you get into this league how you're going to respond. It's the different levels, size, speed, quickness, strength — she hadn't faced that night in and night out. She takes everything in, she talks to every coach, she watches video with every coach, she asks the best questions."

Adapting quickly to her new environment is one of many reasons she's so far avoided the traditional learning curve and emerged as arguably the front-runner in the rookie of the year chase.

At 6-foot-5, 220 pounds, Boston possesses the size, strength and skills to challenge most polished veterans. In her All-Star Game debut she had 11 rebounds, six points, two assists and a steal.

Sure, she's struggled at times with foul trouble against the likes of 6-9 Brittney Griner. Those battles have made Boston tougher as she settles into her new role just three months after finishing her college career at South Carolina.

"It's a learning experience, but I'm enjoying every step of the way," the No. 1 overall draft pick said. "The hardest part was playing against people you've looked up to because you think 'Wow this is like real. I swear I was like watching you and now we're on the same level."

Her resume doesn't resemble someone who appears star struck, though.

Boston was named the WNBA's rookie of the month in May and June and the Eastern Conference's top overall player for the week ending June 18. A few days later, Boston found out she would be the league's eighth rookie All-Star Game starter, the first since Shoni Schimmel in 2014.

Boston's college coach isn't surprised.

"You all are just getting a small taste of what we know of Aliyah Boston," two-time national champ Dawn Staley said. "She is the most selfless, most loving, humble person, the greatest teammate. She makes all the right decisions out there on the floor and, like A'ja (Wilson), at a very young age."

The numbers back up Staley.

Nobody else in this year's

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Martin Truex Jr., driver of the No. 19 Reser's Fine Foods Toyota, is presented Loudon the Lobster while celebrating in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Crayon 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Monday in Loudon, New Hampshire. Truex has been pondering retirement.

Truex Jr. pondering retirement

BY DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — With three wins, a lead in the points standings, and a NASCAR championship push ahead, the good times are rolling again for Martin Truex Jr.

So why quit now?

Joe Gibbs asked himself the same question about Truex as the Hall of Fame owner tries to keep Monday's winner at New Hampshire in the fold of his eponymous race team for one more season.

The 82-year-old Gibbs playfully nudged Truex to make the call soon: Retire or give it another run at JGR.

"He tells me the same thing every year, that I'm right in the middle of trying to make this decision," Gibbs said. "I go, come on, what are you talking about, man? You're making money, you're having fun, you're driving race cars. Come on."

If Gibbs can't get an easy answer yet, maybe he should consult Truex's dad.

The retired racer, who won a regional stock car race at New Hampshire 29 years earlier, believed a big rebound season for his son may fuel the resolve to return in the No. 19 Toyota in 2024.

"The way they're running, I would be surprised if he retired," the elder Truex said Tuesday by phone. "But that's up to him."

The JGR driver has publicly pondered retirement for a second straight season. Truex quieted season-long speculation last June that he could retire at the end of 2022 with a succinct statement: " I'm back. "

Last year, the possibility of retirement seemed a bit more understandable. The 43-year-old Truex struggled in the first season of NASCAR's new Next Gen stock car. He failed to win a race or make the playoffs for the first time since 2014 when he drove for now-defunct Furniture Row Racing, the organization where he would shortly undergo a career rebirth and win the 2017 championship.

Once FRR went away, Truex moved to Gibbs and won seven races in his first season. He's a three-time championship runner-up since moving to Gibbs and he's won 19 races since joining the organization — including his first one in 30 tries at New Hampshire.

Truex insisted he's honestly conflicted about the outcome.

"I'm bad at making big decisions," he said.

Truex has figured out the car and the results show he's in sync with crew chief James Small. Truex has won three of the last 10 Cup races — oddly, Dover and New Hampshire were on Mondays — and has four other top 10s over that span.

"I think it's just learning these new cars," Truex Sr. said. "It's a whole new different package. It takes a little time, especially with no practicing. So whoever hits it is gonna look like a superstar."

And that's his son right now.

"They're on to something," Truex Sr. said.

Truex, who is 0 for 19 in the Daytona 500, picked up two of his more meaningful victories of his career this season.

The first came in May at Dover when he was part of a family sweep at the track. Younger brother Ryan won the second-tier Xfinity Series race for his first NASCAR victory across all three national series in 188 career starts. Big brother was the first one to poke his head in Ryan's Toyota as he pulled it into victory lane. Dad was there to celebrate with both sons.

"That was awesome. Like a dream come true," Truex Sr. said.

Then came New Hampshire. The elder Truex, who raised his family in Mayetta, New Jersey, still owns the Maryland-based clam supplier Sea Watch International. He had enough free weekends to race stock cars, mostly in the Northeast. He even made 15 starts in what is now the Xfinity Series.

It was those family trips to the track — Ryan tweeted an old photo of him, Martin and their mother at the track — that helped form Truex's earliest racing memories. It also helped get Truex hooked on racing — and dad could tell he had a prodigy.

"I knew that when he was 12 years old racing go-karts," Truex said. "He was above his class. He was good at it."

Truex Sr. won the 1994 Auto Palace/Slick 50 150 in the Busch North Series in July 1994 at Loudon. (Naturally, his sponsor was Blount Seafood). Ryan Truex won at Loudon, too, taking the checkered flag in 2010 in a K&N Pro Series East race. Martin had just turned 20 when he won he won a regional stock car series race at the track in the same race his father finished fifth.

His father then promptly retired.

"He's like, 'you're too good. I need to give you my cars, the best equipment I have and put everything behind you,' " Truex Jr. said. "I'm like, why are you doing that? (He said) 'You can win here and keep going.' "

Truex hasn't stopped yet.

But the time to hang up the helmet is coming.

Truex said he was poised to buy a saltwater fishing boat so he could spend his free days on the water in search of some tuna. It sounded like a perfect retirement gift to himself. Dad said don't worry, if Truex wants to keep racing and still fish, the family has a Viking 56 Convertible at their disposal.

Truex laughed as he said his family "screwed up" for not attending Monday's win. That's OK. Truex Sr. said the family already booked their trip for the championship finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Phoenix because he thinks Truex will race for the championship?

"Absolutely," the elder Truex said.

But will Phoenix also serve as the last time Truex will strap in and drive the Toyota?

"I wish I had more time to figure out what I want to do next year, but I don't," he said. "So I'll know soon and you'll know soon."

Pass-first NFL refusing to pay running backs

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NFL teams are refusing to give running backs lucrative long-term contracts, leaving the best players at the position feeling angry and underappreciated.

It's no surprise the league has reached this point, considering recent trends.

The days of "three yards and a cloud of dust" are long gone. The NFL has become a pass-first, quarterback-driven league built around explosive offenses.

League rules have changed over the past two decades to enhance scoring. QBs have more protection. Wide receivers have more freedom to roam the field. Defensive players have to be concerned about getting penalized for illegal hits. They can't go too low. They can't hit the helmet. They can't hold. They can't tug jerseys.

The result has been staggering offensive numbers for quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends. Running backs — despite their overall value, versatility and responsibilities — are getting left behind.

Saquon Barkley, Josh Jacobs and Tony Pollard have to play the 2023 season under the franchise tag-mandated $10.1 million salary after failing to agree with their teams on multiyear contracts before Monday's deadline.

Outrage ensued.

Tennessee Titans star Derrick Henry wrote on Twitter: "At this point, just take the RB position out the game then. The ones that want to be great & work as hard as they can to give their all to an organization, just seems like it don't even matter. I'm with every RB that's fighting to get what they deserve."

Los Angeles Chargers running back Austin Ekeler said: "Everyone knows it's tough to win without a top RB and yet they act like we are discardable widgets. I support any RB doing whatever it takes to get his bag."

Barkley watched the New York Giants give QB Daniel Jones a $160 million, four-year contract after a season in which he threw 15 touchdown passes. Yet Barkley is making a fraction of that total after carrying the offense to the playoffs last season.

"It is what it is," Barkley tweeted as players expressed their frustration on social media.

NFL offenses used to revolve around running backs from Jim Brown and Jim Taylor to Walter Payton and Emmitt Smith. Brown, Taylor, Smith and Payton helped lead their teams to nine championships.

Now, teams are winning Super Bowls without a dominant runner. Only three Super Bowl champions in the last 15 years had a 1,000-yard rusher in the regular season compared with 11 in the 15 seasons before that.

Phenomenal QBs like Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes are a big reason why teams aren't as dependent on running backs.

Mahomes has led the Kansas City Chiefs to two Super Bowl titles in the past four years with Isiah Pacheco, a seventh-round pick, and Damien Williams, an undrafted free agent, as the main backs.

Brady once won a Super Bowl when Jonas Gray led the New England Patriots with 412 yards rushing in 2014. Brady and the 2016 Patriots were also the last team to win a championship with a 1,000-yard rusher. LeGarrette Blount, in his second stint with the team after being released, ran for 1,161 yards that season.

The 2013 Seattle Seahawks had Marshawn Lynch, who was acquired in a trade with Buffalo. The 2012 Baltimore Ravens had Ray Rice.

Overall, 30 Super Bowl champions had 1,000-yard rushers during the season. The undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins were the first Super Bowl champion with a 1,000-yard rusher and they had two — Larry Csonka and Mercury Morris.

Over the next 20 seasons, excluding strike-shortened 1981, 16 Super Bowl champions had 1,000-yard rushers, including Franco Harris, John Riggins and Marcus Allen.

Even Joe Montana's San Francisco had Roger Craig do it twice. John Elway and the Denver Broncos couldn't win a Super Bowl until Terrell Davis came along.

Times have changed. More teams are having success with a rotation of backs like the Philadelphia Eagles last season.

Star backs like Henry and Christian McCaffrey got big second contracts. Barkley and Jacobs didn't.

They deserve it, but teams hold all the leverage.

12 MLB teams score in double digits for 1st time since 1894

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball had a night of offense not seen in 129 years, with 12 teams scoring double-digit runs.

Three games ended 11-10 on the same day for the first time.

Twelve teams tied May 30, 1884, for the second-most with double-digit runs in one day, trailing only 13 on July 4, 1894, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Three teams did it twice on July 4, 1894 as part of doubleheaders.

The Chicago Cubs topped the scoring Tuesday night by routing Washington 17-3 and Arizona outlasted Atlanta 16-13.

San Francisco beat Cincinnati, the New York Mets topped the Chicago White Sox and Kansas City edged Detroit, all by 11-10.

Elias said that score had never before occurred three times on the same day.

Four games in which both teams scored double-digit runs matched the record of July 4, 1894, and July 9, 1898, MLB said.

In more mundane 10-3 routs, the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Baltimore and Minnesota defeated Seattle.

Cleveland topped Pittsburgh 10-1 .

San Diego fell just short, stranding a runner at second in the ninth inning of a 9-1 victory at Toronto.

There were 15 games Tuesday — the completion of the suspended Giants-Reds game counts as Monday in the records.

There were 24 games on May 30, 1884, a year there were three major leagues: the National League, the American Association and the Union Association. Ned Williamson of the Chicago White Sox had the first three-homer game in big league history.

While there was just the 12-team NL on July 4, 1894, every team played a Fourth of July doubleheader.

Bench apologizes for antisemitic remark during Reds event

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Hall of Famer Johnny Bench apologized for an antisemitic comment made at an event to honor former Cincinnati Reds general manager Gabe Paul, who was Jewish, and others.

Bench made the remark at an event attended by Paul's daughter, Jennie Paul, on Saturday. Paul, who died in 1998, and former Reds pitchers Danny Graves and Bronson Arroyo were being inducted into the team's Hall of Fame.

Pete Rose recalled signing a deal worth "400 bucks a month" in his first contract negotiation with Gabe Paul.

Jennie Paul joked that it was "cheap."

"He was Jewish," Bench responded, drawing laughs from the audience.

"I recognize my comment was insensitive. I apologized to Jennie for taking away from her father the full attention he deserves," Bench said in a statement released Sunday. "Gabe Paul earned his place in the Reds Hall of Fame, same as the others who stood on that stage, I am sorry that some of the focus is on my inappropriate remark instead of solely on Gabe's achievement."

Jennie Paul told reporters she didn't hear Bench's comment. "Johnny came up and said, 'Were you offended?' and I said, 'For what?' " she said. "I didn't even hear him say that. I suppose if I would've heard him say that, I would've said something, but I didn't even hear him say that."

Gabe Paul was the Reds' GM from 1951 to 1960 and was responsible for the franchise's acquisition of players that included Rose and Hall of Famers Frank Robinson and Tony Perez. Under his leadership, Cincinnati began to sign Black and Latin American players, with Nino Escalera and Chuck Harmon making their debuts with the team in 1954.

Bench was a two-time NL MVP, the 1976 World Series MVP, the 1968 NL Rookie of the Year, a 14-time All-Star and a 10-time Gold Glove winner for the Cincinnati Reds while playing from 1967-83.

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Attorneys: Northwestern hazing included men's and women's sports

BY LARRY LAGE AND CLAIRE SAVAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Allegations of hazing in Northwestern's athletic programs broadened Wednesday as attorneys said male and female athletes reported misconduct within two other sports and suggested sexual abuse and racial discrimination within the football program was so rampant that coaches knew it was happening.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump said he and other attorneys have received disturbing details from former baseball and softball players at the university, in addition to growing complaints of abuse in the football program, which players described as widespread and devastating.

"This is a civil rights issue for me," said Crump, who said 50 former Northwestern athletes — male and female — have spoken to the Levin & Perconti law firm. "I think these players have the right to be respected and valued and not hazed, intimidated and retaliated."

Black football players appeared to have faced an additional layer of abuse.

A lawsuit filed Tuesday accuses fired football coach Pat Fitzgerald of enabling a culture of racism, including forcing players of color to cut their hair and behave differently to be more in line with the "Wildcat Way."

"The abusive culture was especially devastating for many players of color," said former Northwestern quarterback and receiver Lloyd Yates, who is Black.

Crump and Chicago-based attorney Steven Levin said they have not filed a lawsuit yet on behalf of any athletes. The attorneys represent 15 people, including Yates, and have been in touch with dozens of former athletes. Crump said the majority of those are football players.

Warren Miles Long, a running back on Northwestern's football team starting in 2013, said players were put into a culture where sexual violence and hazing was "rampant." He said new recruits had no sense of whether it was normal or limited to Northwestern.

The attorneys declined to detail the former athletes' complaints about the baseball or softball programs.

The Evanston, Illinois-based private school fired baseball coach Jim Foster amid allegations of misconduct last week, three days after Fitzgerald was dismissed.

Northwestern has been added to a long list of American universities to face a scandal in athletics and may eventually join the trend of making large payouts following allegations of sexual abuse.

A former Wildcats football player filed the first lawsuit against Fitzgerald and members of the school's leadership Tuesday, seeking damages stemming from the hazing scandal.

More lawsuits, filed by multiple law firms, are expected to follow from former football and baseball players as well as from student-athletes who played other sports for the private school.

Yates said every member of the team were victims, "no matter what our role was at the time," and lamented the school and team's lack of leadership.

"The university and football program let us down and that's why we are here today," Yates said, surrounded by some teammates who have also retained the Crump-led team of attorneys.

In a letter to Northwestern's faculty and staff, University President Michael Schill wrote that an outside firm will be hired to evaluate how the school detects threats to student-athletes' welfare and to examine the athletics culture in Evanston, Illinois, and its relationship to academics at the prestigious institution.

Northwestern fired Fitzgerald last week after a university investigation found allegations of hazing by 11 current or former players, including "forced participation, nudity and sexualized acts of a degrading nature," Schill wrote.

After the school initially suspended Fitzgerald, The Daily Northwestern published an article including allegations from a former player who described specific instances of hazing and abuse and suggested he may have been aware.

Fitzgerald, who led Northwestern for 17 seasons and was a star linebacker for the Wildcats, has maintained he had no knowledge of the hazing. Fitzgerald said after being fired that he was working with his agent, Bryan Harlan, and his lawyer, Dan Webb, to "protect my rights in accordance with the law."

An emailed statement Wednesday from Fitzgerald's defense team quoted Webb responding to allegations, saying: "no arguments were made that would present any substantive, detailed, factual allegations, let alone evidence, about Coach Fitzgerald's conduct," and that Fitzgerald's legal team "will aggressively defend against these and any other allegations with facts and evidence." Webb, a former U.S. attorney, has been one of the most sought-after private lawyers in the country for decades.

The former Northwestern football player, identified in the Tuesday lawsuit as John Doe, alleged Fitzgerald, Schill, the board of trustees and athletic director Derrick Gragg enabled and concealed sexual misconduct and racial discrimination. The player, who was on the football team from 2018 to 2022, had his filing submitted by the Chicago-based Salvi Law Firm.

A second lawsuit was filed Wednesday on behalf of another former Northwestern athlete who was on the football team during the same period, identified as John Doe 2. It named Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner James J. Phillips, Northwestern's athletic director until 2021, as a defendant. Phillips did not immediately respond to a text request for comment.

"It wasn't just confined to one bad actor," said attorney Parker Stinar, adding that he expects to file several more related lawsuits.

FRIDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Hot Wheels		Dateline NBC (N)				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Tough (N)		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Hot Wheels		Dateline NBC (N)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Family Law (N)		Moonshine (N)		News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Cincin..	Will Trent		20/20				News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Will Trent		20/20				News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Comm..	Wash	Pioneers		The Story of ...		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	World Cup (N) (Live)				FIFA Women's World Cup 2023				World..
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Tough (N)		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Family Law (N)		Moonshine (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	World Cup (N) (Live)				FIFA Women's World Cup 2023				World..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	National Lampoon's European ...				National Lampoon's Vacation				Vegas Vacation ('97)		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Hoffman		Hoffman		Gold Rush (N)		Hoffman (N)		Gold Rush (N)		Outba..
DISN	25	29	Hailey	The Little Mermaid			Villains	Pretty..	Pretty..	Hailey	Hailey	Hailey	Villains
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		SlamBall (N) (Live)				X Games Summer X Games 2023, Day 1				
FREE	18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Praise	Praise	700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★ The Fate of the Furious				★★★ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18)						Movie
HBO	201	17	(5:30) Lakeview Terrace				(:25) ★★★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94)				Last Call: Killer		Gemst..
MAX	270	73	(5:40) ★★★ Dear Evan Hansen				Big Momma's House			Big Momma's House 2			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Kong: Skull Island ('17)					Italian Job	
SHOW	221	16	(5:00) Up in the...		★★★★ The Aviator ('04) Leonardo DiCaprio.						★★★ Devotion ('22)		
TMC	233	74	(:15) ★★★★ My Left Foot ('89)				★★★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley ('99)					Contractor	
TNT	27	43	(5:00) Godzilla: King of ...		★★★ Godzilla vs. Kong ('21)						Rampage (N)		Rich
USA	26	33	(5:00) ★★★ Fast Five ('11)				(:55) ★★★★ Furious 7 ('15) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.						Movie

SATURDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Chefs	Song	Baking It (N)		Got Talent "Auditions 3"				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	Sheldon	Colts	NCIS: Hawai'i		NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	Baking It (N)		Got Talent "Auditions 3"				News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		1982 (N)		Whose..	Whose..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		News
15 WKPC	13		Lawrence Welk		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Ky.Afi..	Run Silent, Run Deep			Shado..	Austin
19 WXIX	10		Wheel	Jeopar..	Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers (N)						FOX19		Special
32 WLKY	5	5	WLK..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS: Hawai'i		NCIS: Hawai'i		48 Hours		News
34 WBKI	7	7	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	TwoM..	TwoM..	USL Championship Soccer				Friends	Friends	1982
41 WDRB	8	9	9-1-1		Baseball Atlanta Braves at Milwaukee Brewers (N)						WDRB News		Special
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	(4:45) Rocky II		(:15) ★★★★ Rocky III ('82)					(:45) ★★★ Rocky IV ('85)			
COM	45	59	Movie	★★★ Vacation ('15) Ed Helms.				★★★ Couples Retreat ('09) Vince Vaughn.					Movie
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition Unknown				Expedition Unknown		
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	★★★★ Cars ('06) Owen Wilson.				Hailey	Hailey	Ghost
ESPN	32	44	(5:00) Soccer		SportC..		Premier Lacrosse All-Star Game (N) (Live)				Boxing		
FREE	18	40	(5:50) ★★★★★ Finding Nemo ('03)				(:20) ★★★★ Finding Dory ('16)					Ron's Gone ...	
FX	40	28	(5:00) Jurassic World: Fallen Kin...				★★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle					Night School	
HBO	201	17	(5:45) Shazam! Fury of the Gods				★★★ Immortals ('11) (P)				Gemst..	Knocked Up	
MAX	270	73	(:15) ★★★★ Predator ('87)				★★★ Old ('21)			(:50) ★★★ Anna ('19) Sasha Luss.			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Blue Bloods		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade					★★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)					Movie
SHOW	221	16	Billions		Billions		Billions		Emily ('22) Emma Mackey.				AllAcc..
TMC	233	74	(5:20) Lightho...		(:15) ★★★ Men ('22) Jessie Buckley.				Post Mortem ('20) Viktor Klem.				Movie
TNT	27	43	(5:45) ★★★ The Meg ('18)				All Elite Wrestling: Collision (N)				★★★ The Meg ('18)		
USA	26	33	(5:30) NASCAR Pocono 225 (N)				PostRa..	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1	

SUNDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Got Talent "Auditions 6"				WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	60 Minutes (N)		Tough (N)		The Equalizer		NCIS: LA		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior		Ninja Warrior		Got Talent "Auditions 6"				News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		The Chosen (N)		Animals	Animals	News	Sports..	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos		The Prank (N)		Celebrity (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos		The Prank (N)		Celebrity (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Last/..	KeepUp	Anne Boleyn		Ridley (N)		Grantchest (N)		D.I. Ray (N)		Prof T
19 WXIX	10		(4:00) NHRA		Food Stars		Simpso..	Family..	House	House	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Tough (N)		The Equalizer		NCIS: LA		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Sheldon	Sheldon	BigBa..	BigBa..	The Chosen (N)		Animals	Animals	Good Dr		black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:00) NHRA		Food Stars		Simpso..	Family..	House	House	WDRB News		Worry
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48
AMC	29	26	★★★★ Star Trek Into Darkness ('13) Chris Pine.						Walking Dead "Doma Smo" (N)				Walki..
COM	45	59	Movie	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Jaws vs. Kraken		Great White		Blly Bst F (N)		(:05) Jaw v Meg		(:05) Serial K (N)		Shark..
DISN	25	29	(:10) ★★★★ The Jungle Book ('16)				Raven	Bunk'd	Villains	Villains	Pretty..	Pretty..	Raven
ESPN	32	44	Countdown (N)		Baseball New York Mets at Boston Red Sox (N)						SportCtr (N)		SportC..
FREE	18	40	(5:15) Toy Story		(:15) ★★★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99)				(:20) ★★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10) Tom Hanks.				
FX	40	28	(5:30) Jumanji: Welcome to the J...				★★★★ Thor ('11) Chris Hemsworth.					Thor: Dark ...	
HBO	201	17	(:55) Sports		★★★ Immortals ('11)				Last Call (N)		Gemst..	(:45) Gemstones	
MAX	270	73	(:05) ★★★★ Fast Food Nation ('06)				★★★ Life of Crime ('13)		(:40) ★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 ('14)				
NEWSNTN	20	20	LastM..	LastM..	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..
PARMT	35	41	(5:50) B..	(:50) 1883: A Yellowstone			1883 (N)		(:15) Lioness (N)		(:10) 1883: A Yellowstone		
SHOW	221	16	The Chi		The Chi		The Chi		The Chi		Goliath (N)		Movie
TMC	233	74	Four Weddings and a Funeral				★★★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley ('99)					★★ Wild Bill	
TNT	27	43	(:55) ★★★★ Avengers: Infinity War ('18)						Lazarus Pr (SF)		(:05) Lazarus Pr		Movie
USA	26	33	NASC..	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU	

MONDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Ninja Warrior		The Wall (N)		Weakest Link		WAV..
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Ninja Warrior		The Wall (N)		Weakest Link		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Son of a	Son of a	Childr..	Childr..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	The (N)	The Bachelorette (N)				Claim to (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	The Bachelorette (N)				Claim to (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Dis. Add. (N)		Recipe (N)		POV (N)		
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Stars-Mars (N)		Kitchen (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Neighb..	BobHe..	NCIS		NCIS: Hawai'i		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Son of a	Son of a	Childr..	Childr..	BigBa..	Sheldon	black-i..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Stars-Mars (N)		Kitchen (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Playboy (N)		Miss Am. (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	★★★ Bruce Almighty ('03)				★★★ Tag ('18) Ed Helms. (P)				(:15) ★★★ Bad Teacher		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	Jaws Awakens		Blly Bst Fding		Grt Wte Ft (N)		Mnster Br (N)		(:05) Aln Shark		Expedi..
DISN	25	29	Big City	(:25) Gnomeo & Juliet			Mickey, Don...		Hamst..	Hamst..	Hailey	Hailey	Villains
ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		ESPN Films				ESPN Films				SportC..
FREE	18	40	(5:10) Grown ...		(:20) ★★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock.						Cruel (N)		700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) ★★★ Spider-Man 3 ('07)				★★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12)						Movie
HBO	201	17	(5:25) Barbers...		(:10) Barbershop 2: Back in Busi...				The Golden Boy		(:20) Gemstones		LastCall
MAX	270	73	(:20) ★★★ Big Momma's House				★★ The New Guy ('02)			Hot Tub Time Machine			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Django Unchained ('12) Christoph Waltz, Jamie Foxx.						
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) ★★★★ 1917 ('19)		★★★ Devotion ('22) Jonathan Majors.						Why Women		Goliath
TMC	233	74	(:15) Drunk Bus ('20)				Marcel the Shell With ...			As They Made Us ('22)			Movie
TNT	27	43	(4:00) Avenger...		(:15) ★★★★ Thor: Ragnarok ('17) Chris Hemsworth.						Rich		Movie
USA	26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)						Tempt..

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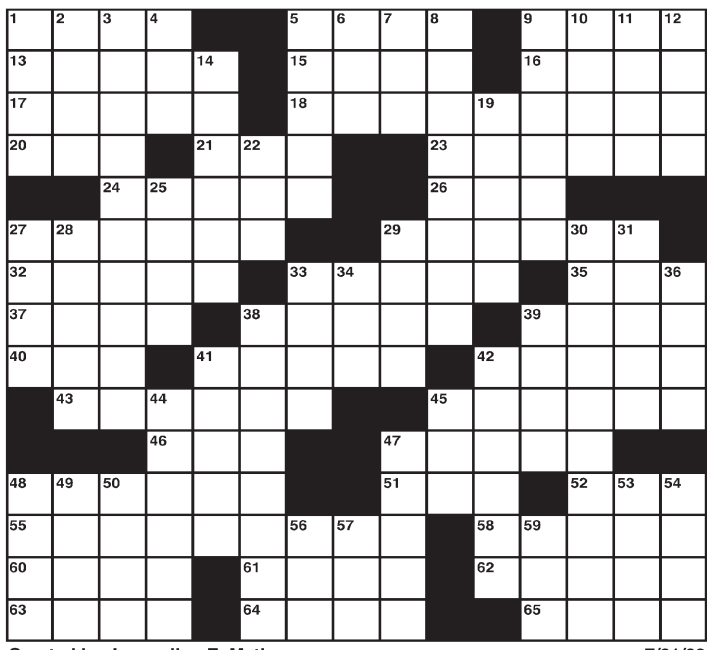

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ACROSS
1 Aquarium buildup
5 Chess or Parcheesi
9 Beanies
13 Solitude lover
15 Wild goat
16 Mob scene
17 Walk leisurely
18 Without musical accompaniment
20 Boot part
21 Sunbathe
23 Boo-boo remover
24 __ from; besides
26 Purrer
27 Bowler's goal
29 Aquatic mammals
32 Give a speech
33 Flood barrier
35 One who gives a hoot
37 Had __ on; was first to claim
38 Summoned with a beeper
39 Mirth
40 Everyone
41 Make straight
42 TV's Soupy
43 Front-runner
45 Leaves suddenly
46 Hawaii's Mauna __
47 Actor Charlie
48 Skull coverings
51 Small vegetable
52 DDE's party
55 Maintenance man
58 Phi Beta __
60 Military branch
61 Zero
62 Picabo Street or Bode Miller
63 Disarray
64 Laundry soap
65 Tolstoy's "__ Karenina"

DOWN
1 Venetian blinds piece
2 Singer Perry
3 Too much to endure
4 Singer Tormé
5 "Jack and the Beanstalk" ogre
6 Major network
7 "Give __ break!"
8 Waited for
9 Make
10 Has an illness
11 Flag holder
12 Oscar hopeful
14 Capture again
19 Babble
22 "We __ the World"; 1985 song
25 Peach discards
27 Word with jerk or pop
28 Warble
29 Baker's need
30 Dough flattener
31 Word with pea or potato
33 Wild animal's den
34 __ foo yong; Chinese dish
36 Three __ two is one
38 Congenial
39 Actor Gordon
41 ASPCA's advice
42 Says something
44 Narrow streets
45 That girl
47 Shopper's lark
48 Swindler's hustle
49 __ for; look after
50 Sleeve fillers
53 __-and-shut case
54 Prefix for phrase or chute
56 Colorful pond fish
57 Call a halt to
59 Letters before an alias

Today's Puzzle Solved

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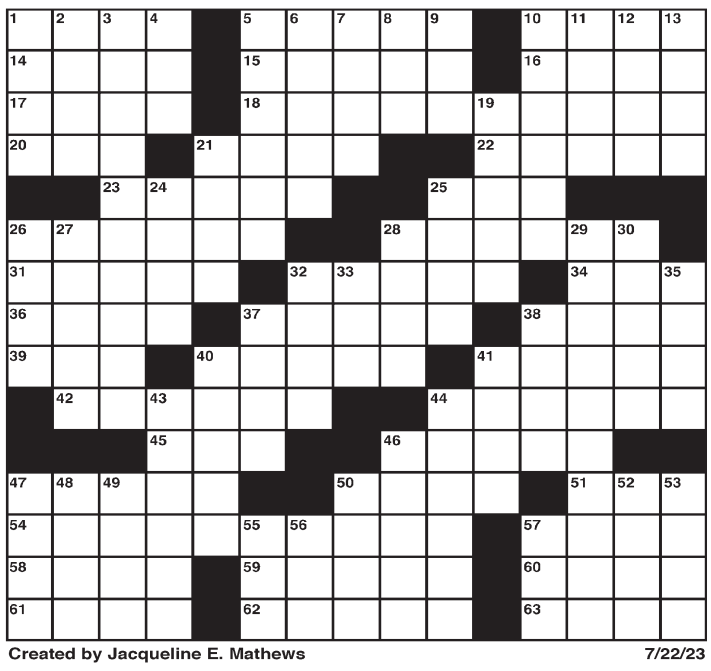

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ACROSS
1 Lucy's man
5 Pale-faced
10 Sore
14 Middle East nation
15 "__ Have All the Flowers Gone?"
16 __ market; bazaar
17 Houston university
18 Anguish after a romantic split
20 Suffix for profit or puppet
21 Small brook
22 Simple floats
23 Know-__; smart aleck
25 Nintendo video console
26 Haven
28 Frankness
31 Haywire
32 Stock purchase
34 City transport
36 Popular high school athlete
37 Similar
38 __ up; goof
39 Polished off
40 Greta Garbo or Ingrid Bergman
41 Fine dishes
42 Shun
44 In need of a haircut
45 Youth
46 Andes beast
47 Cook in a Presto
50 Housekeeper
51 Bedtime, for some
54 Giving permission
57 Burrowing animal
58 __ to; increases
59 Long seat
60 Weapons
61 Like an optimist's outlook
62 West Point student
63 Abnormal growth

DOWN
1 Urgent; critical
2 Pennsylvania port
3 Forgoes for a greater good
4 Suffix for hero or morph
5 For __; temporarily
6 Beach souvenir
7 Make well
8 Mess up
9 Trawler's need
10 Panicky
11 Sheet music symbol
12 Summertime complaint
13 Talks on and on
19 Seawater
21 Car wash crew's stack
24 Elephant tooth
25 Word attached to hard or soft
26 Rani's man
27 Overdo the role
28 Birthday dessert
29 Not optional
30 Regretting
32 Murdered
33 Concealed
35 ASPCA advice
37 Filled with wonder
38 Pillow cover
40 Humiliation
41 African nation
43 Stylish
44 Minor; insignificant
46 Cyclist Armstrong
47 Skin mark
48 Commotion
49 Stops
50 Do as told
52 Lawn trees
53 Cozy home
55 "New Amsterdam" network
56 Actress Leoni
57 Brit's raincoat

Today's Puzzle Solved

Broken romance also breaks friendship

Dear Amy: I was in a four-year relationship that ended last year. We weathered the pandemic together and had good times, but I didn't believe we were a good romantic match. She was emotionally fragile and dealt with depression when we first met, but she was her very best self when we were together.

We moved in together much too soon.

My former partner and I broke up amicably and I had every intention to stay friends with her. However, a romance began to blossom between myself and a mutual friend.

I understand my former partner's pain. I never wanted to hurt her.

I moved on with the other person. I've thought about building a family with her and have posted about this online.

Now my former partner is incredibly hurt. I just hate that it had to end this way. Honestly, sometimes I think I should sacrifice my own happiness for hers because I feel so guilty now.

Recently her friends have been watching my Instagram. I'm sure they will report back to her that I've moved in with my girlfriend.

Does the guilt ever go away for choosing what you feel is best for you?

— Guilty Lover

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Guilty: Guilt does go away, and careful behavior helps to usher it out.

You should be extremely judicious (in the shorter term) when posting about your new relationship online, not only to protect your former partner's feelings, but because it's wisest to do so.

Being more careful in your public postings has two advantages: your ex's friends who skulk on your Instagram won't know your intimate thoughts and family-building hopes with your new partner, and protecting your own privacy will help to slow down your new breakneck romance so you don't repeat a previous mistake. Your ex will have to learn to cope with her own feelings. You should apologize to her for any hurt you have caused. And you will have to understand that a friendship with her is not in the cards, at least for now.

Breakups happen. The person who leaves will often feel guilty about it. But you should not sacrifice your own happiness in order to avoid the discomfort of reckoning with your own guilt.

Wronged wife chooses to stay — for now

Dear Amy: I recently found out that my husband of 15 years has been cheating off and on for five years. He just ended a five-month relationship with a woman he met at a bar.

I unearthed this situation when I discovered a text message from her.

He wined and dined her, slept with her often — during his lunch break from work, used work excuses to spend the night in hotels with her, and even took her on vacation while he was at a bachelor party in Mexico.

In total, he claims he has kissed two women, visited a prostitute, and had this most recent relationship.

Since coming clean, he has quit drinking, has been attending AA meetings and has been seeing a psychologist.

He promises he has changed and that he will devote the rest of his life to me and our kids, who are in middle school.

He has been a decent dad up until this point and our kids adore him.

I work in social work and see the effects of divorce on children.

I am tempted to keep the status quo until our kids are older, but I also judge myself for staying with someone who has treated me this way.

I know this sounds insane, but I believe him when he says he won't cheat again and that he's committed to change.

Of course, I can't imagine ever being intimate with him ever again (and he is asking to restart that aspect of our lives).

— Unsure

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Unsure: You don't mention two things that I believe you need to do: Get tested for STDs, and engage in intensive marriage counseling with your husband and professional support for yourself.

In terms of your harsh self-judgment in choosing to stay with this unfaithful and unreliable man, I will say this: in many ways, it is much easier to leave than to stay. You're choosing the harder path.

I'd caution that your husband is at risk for a relapse, in which case you will have to revisit your choice. "Trust but verify" should be your motto.

No one — including you — should judge a person's efforts to preserve a marriage and family.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You could find yourself in your element in social situations where you can be the center of attention. There may be opportunities to make valuable new business contacts, meet new friends or flirt with potential love interests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Changes may be coming into your life. Trust that your heart can see more than your eyes ever could. Look past the regular crowd to see the one person who matters. Sometimes you could miss the tree for the forest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Your thoughtfulness can enhance your value in someone's eyes. It may be better to talk things over with a loved one or partner than to make a decision on your own that could affect you both. It might be time to celebrate a job well done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Consider that chaos may be exciting for a while, but a steady diet of it could fray your nerves. A competitor might try to play hardball, but could soon back off if they see that you are not getting rattled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone's motivations might be transparent: Stirring up a jealous rivalry or making a power play could be an obvious plot to get the upper hand on you. Your generosity and kindness can allow you to overcome an adversary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may expect to attract more attention than you might usually receive. Remain humble to avoid possible misunderstandings or hurt feelings. Someone could be begging for sympathy, but may have their own hidden agenda.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A chance encounter or flirtatious remark can leave you pleasantly surprised. You might get a hint that it could be the time to devote time to a loved one who needs your attention. A romantic twinkle in someone's eye may be worth pursuing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Someone could too kindhearted. You may notice that a close companion or loved one could be showing more enthusiasm than common sense right now. It might be wise to take control of an emerging situation now before it gets out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — The great outdoors may be a good place to make friends who might share your interests. Take up a sport or take a long hike to get some exercise and fresh air. A little reset in nature could be just what you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Stand tall if faced with a high-pressure situation and take advantage of an opportunity to show off your leadership abilities. Now can be the time to focus on making your career goals a reality. Avoid stirring up conflicts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — It could be in your best interest to acknowledge any financial errors to set things right as quickly as possible. A bank balance or budget can help produce some money-saving ideas. It may be wise to focus on your family's future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Loneliness can sometimes seem crippling. You might need to take the first step to be friendly or sociable. Unless you are willing to be vulnerable and tell people how you feel there is no way for them to really understand.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Flattery can be fine in small doses, but not everyone you meet could mean what they say or may have ulterior motives. Friendly banter, flirtatious exchanges and compliments might be enjoyable without going overboard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You could have earned the right to relax after a long work week. Try to set up a little me time and do as much or as little as you want. Your life may be a gift that you can unwrap to find a surprise tucked inside.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There could be many temptations in the world that are hard to resist. You may be yearning to break free from routines or try something new. Rather than spending money on momentary pleasures, read something uplifting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may not mind being swept off your feet or someone's impulsive behavior could jangle your nerves. Changing routines or breaking off a relationship over something trivial could be a drawback in the long run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Put your extra energy to effective use by putting your possessions in order or making some home improvements. Someone's spontaneous act of generosity or thoughtfulness may take on a greater significance for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Emphasize the benefits not the drawbacks. In successful negotiations something must be offered that can be useful to both parties. Sincerity may be doubtful unless you back up your words with deeds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take things with a grain of salt and remember that it can be a necessary ingredient in your diet. Someone's idle boasting could get under your skin, but when push comes to shove, they might do more than they promised.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You might be feeling luckier than usual today and could easily find ways to avoid bad luck and old superstitions. Stay close to loved ones and invest in happy times and also into problem-solving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Strive to remain fair and you can earn the respect of others in intimate relationships as well as business circles. Your good nature and honesty may be taken for granted, but that could be a compliment in disguise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A fast pace can be a good example of industriousness. Your creative genius could thrust you into the spotlight whenever you must compete against others. Demonstrate your sincerity through your actions instead of words.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Now is the time to be careful with your finances. Avoid making careless errors when your money is involved. Count every dollar and tighten your belt if you hope to see quick improvements in your bank accounts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — It could be tempting to spend your money on some trendy items that may not actually suit your style. Avoid piling up credit card purchases or taking on additional financial obligations. Remain disciplined and practical.

World Cup co-host New Zealand seeks own spotlight

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
AP SOCCER WRITER

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — In a country known more for its love of rugby than women's soccer, New Zealand is aiming to win fans as well as matches.

The Football Ferns kick off the Women's World Cup on Thursday night with a Group A match against Norway. The Ferns got the nod for the tournament opener and will be followed by co-host Australia's match against Ireland in Sydney.

"I hope there will be a lot of people here for not just our games, but all of the games. It's a world tournament and something we've been so excited to have here now. I've been looking forward to this for three years," defender Ali Riley said. "So I hope the excitement is there and I hope we do well, so that maybe the people who didn't know about it will hear about it and will want to come to see us make history."

New Zealand Football announced that the opener at Auckland's Eden Park will have the biggest crowd for a soccer match in the country's history, estimated to be at least 50,000.

"I was at the 1999 World Cup final in Los Angeles and I know what that did for me as a young girl. And so to have people here, that noise will give us energy," said Riley, who grew up in California and plays professionally for Angel City in the National Women's Soccer League.

"But also I know what that can do for any little girls seeing these players, these awesome, confident empowered, women and athletes just living their dreams."

While the Ferns are trying to capture hearts, the demand for tickets to Australia's opener was so high that the match was moved to Stadium Australia, which was built for the 2000 Olympics and can seat more than 82,000.

The Ferns have never won a World Cup match in five previous appearances in soccer's biggest tournament. And they have struggled this year, with losses in seven of the nine games they've played.

While it's hoped that New Zealand will rally as hosts, the team faces a significant challenge in Norway, which won the World Cup in 1995. Considered the favorites in Group A, the Norwegians are 5-1-1 all-time against New Zealand, with the only loss coming in a 2019 exhibition match.

"There will be a lot of pressure, both on the home team but also on us, for the opening game, but we feel like we know what to expect," Norway coach Hege Riise said. "Again, in opening game, everything can happen. But our preparation has been good on New Zealand, defensively and offensively, attacking, so we feel like we are prepared."

Ada Hegerberg returns to Norway's World Cup squad after the striker's self-imposed hiatus from 2017 to 2022 in protest of what she believed was lack of respect for the women's national team.

The first woman to win the prestigious Ballon d'Or award, Hegerberg scored 43 goals in 76 international appearances. Currently playing for Lyon, she has scored a record 59 goals in the Champions League.

Australia is well primed as co-hosts of the tournament. The team went undefeated in February's Cup of Nations, beating Jamaica, Spain and the Czech Republic. In April, the Matilda's ended England's 30-game unbeaten streak with a 2-0 win.

Philippines women's team has US flavor

BY ELLEN MCINTYRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUNEDIN, New Zealand — For a nation more than 7,000 miles from the United States, the Philippines boasts a women's national soccer team with a decidedly American feel. Of the 23 names on its Women's World Cup roster, 18 belong to U.S.-born women.

One of them, defender Hali Long, was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and raised in a Filipino, or Pinoy, household.

"To be able to represent my heritage, just to have that opportunity to bring it back home for (the) people who brought me up, is such an honor," Long said Thursday.

Despite growing up in the U.S., she said, "Under our roof, it was purely Pinoy, and I knew nothing different."

That, she said, was her "deciding factor" in her choice to play for the Philippines.

"It's just who I was, without question," said Long, who played her college soccer at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

For Philippines head coach Alen Stajcic, it doesn't matter how many American-born players are on the team.

"I don't really care where they're born," Stajcic said. "If they have Philippines in their heart and in their blood, and they're good at football, then they're eligible for our team. They all play for their flag, they all play for their country, they all play for the people in the Philippines, wherever they reside."

Philippines, one of eight newcomers in the tournament, makes its Women's World Cup debut Friday against Switzerland.

The American-heavy roster boasts players from coast to coast. Olivia and Chandler McDaniel, a sister duo from California, join Long and teammates from Washington, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, Connecticut and other states.

Other U.S.-born players include Kiara Fontanilla, Kaiya Jota, Alicia Barker, Reina Bonta, Malea Cesar, Jessika Cowart, Dominique Randle, Tahnai Annis, Ryley Bugay, Carleigh Frilles, Isabella Pasion, Katrina Guillou, Sarina Bolden, Isabella Flanigan and Quinley Quezada.

A combination of factors helps explain how U.S. players wind up with the Philippines. The United States, as two-time defending Women's World Cup champion, is not only elite, but its talent pool also is deep.

Title IX, the U.S. law requiring equal treatment for women athletes at American colleges, has helped more players secure access to quality training and facilities in the United States than is available in many other countries.

Philippines officials began recruiting the U.S. heavily for talented players in recent years, and even held a two-month training camp in Irvine, California, in 2021.

FIFA has rules that say players can only represent a country where they hold citizenship. They might be born there, or have biological ties to the country that allows dual citizenship.

"It's a way for them to honor their parents," Philippines team spokesman Cedelf Tupas said.

Added Stajcic: "I just know this team has Filipino heart, and blood, and courage, and spirit."

The team's first test comes at Dunedin against the Swiss as both squads open group play.

Wrexham opens tour of states with 5-0 setback

BY BOB SUTTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Sue Martin had the summer mapped out for her family from St. Augustine, Florida.

Then along came word that Chelsea and Wrexham would play a preseason friendly on U.S. soil.

"We had a whole vacation planned and they dropped this game," Martin said before . "We needed to be here. We love soccer. We love Ryan Reynolds."

Reynolds and co-owner Rob McElhenney have taken Wrexham from a struggling fifth-tier side to a fan favorite, largely through the globally-streamed docuseries "Welcome to Wrexham." The Red Dragons opened a four-game preseason U.S. tour Wednesday night with a 5-0 loss to Chelsea, which got two goals from Ian Maatsen and one each from Conor Gallagher, Christopher Nkunku and Ben Chilwell. The game drew 50,596 to Kenan Memorial Stadium.

The match was the first of its kind in this college town. Chelsea, coming off a miserable 13th-place finish in the Premier League, was the 2021 European champion, Wrexham, the oldest club from Wales, earned promotion to English soccer's fourth tier.

Both teams soaked in the atmosphere.

"It was amazing," Mauricio Pochettino said after his first friendly as Chelsea manager. "It was full. We really enjoyed the game."

There were even perks for the Red Dragons.

"It has been incredible with a great few days," Wrexham manager Phil Parkinson said. "It was a really enjoyable night. You want to keep the score down in terms of the performance."

Brian and Jenny Roper and their 11-year-old son Logan from St. Petersburg, Florida, saw Chelsea play last year in Orlando. They didn't flinch at making a longer trek. As a bonus, this one included Wrexham.

"(Logan) plays a lot of soccer," Brian Roper said. "I want to show him what real soccer looks like. There's the novelty of them playing Wrexham. My wife would even enjoy this because she knows Wrexham."

Martin's family of four sported gear supporting both Chelsea and Wrexham. Pregame festivities on the humid night were spread around campus.

Matseen scored in the third and 42d minutes, the second goal on a shot from the top of penalty area. Gallagher added a goal in the 80th, Nkunku in the 90th and Chilwell in the third minute of stoppage time.

Wrexham, which opened the preseason last weekend with a 4-2 win over Wales' Bala Town. plays at LA Galaxy II on Saturday against the Manchester United youth academy on July 25 at San Diego at at Philadelphia Union II on July 29. Wrexham opens the League 2 season at home against the MK Dons on Aug. 5.

Chelsea faces Brighton on Saturday at Philadelphia, Newcastle on July 26 in Atlanta, Fulham on July 30 at Landover, Maryland, and Borussia Dortmund on Aug. 2 at Chicago. The Blues open the Premier League at home against Liverpool on Aug. 13.

"It has been fantastic," North Carolina athletics director Bubba Cunningham said. "It's a great event."

The locals were checking it out as well.

Nathan Gardner, a teacher from nearby Efland, brought his 16-year-old son Carson to take in the scene. The elder Gardner said he became familiar with Wrexham through the streaming show.

"When it was announced, I saw it and said, 'They're coming here?' " Gardner said. "I was pretty shocked, but I want to see it."

From a global perspective, the past few days marked a huge chance to embellish the brands.

"It's important to spread the word that it's a great game," Parkinson said. "The amount of people with Wrexham shirts and Wrexham caps has blown us all away."

BOSTON

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draft class comes close to matching Boston's stats — 15.0 points (21st), 8.4 rebounds (tied for seventh) and 1.4 blocks (tied for sixth).

But Boston's biggest contribution might be her locker room presence.

"Aliyah has already come in and instilled that culture that so many of the players needed and she did it so effortlessly," said current teammate Kelsey Mitchell, who just made her first All-Star team. "To see AB kind of take off, take this team to another level without much experience, create the joy for our working, she's just an awesome person."

Boston has been dominant during stretches, but there are other impressive first-year players.

• Minnesota guard Diamond Miller has played in just 11 games and 23.5 minutes because of injuries. Since returning June 27, the second overall draft pick has improved her averages to 12.7 points, 3.9 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 26.9% shooting on 3-pointers.

• Dallas forward Maddy Siegrist, the former Villanova star who went No. 3 overall, has logged 7.6 minutes per game and has no starts while averaging 2.8 points and 1.5 rebounds.

• Seattle's rookie tandem of Ivana Dojkic, a 25-year-old from the EuroLeague, and Jordan Horston, the No. 9 overall pick in April's draft, are the closest statistical qualifiers to Boston. Dojkic's scoring average (8.2) ranks No. 50. Horston is tied for 19th in blocks (0.8) and is No. 20 in rebounds (5.6).

None, however, has made a bigger splash than Boston.

The three-time All-American and 2022 Associated Press national player of the year who has bigger goals than adding to her personal trophy case.

"I wanted to improve my game," she said. "But I also wanted to help bring the program to new heights, make the playoffs and I feel like I've done a pretty good job so far so I'm pretty excited."

EMPLOYMENT

The Hanover Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer.
Applicants must;
- Be 21 years of age with a high school diploma or GED
- Have a valid driver's license
- Pass a drug screen
- Meet physical requirements of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy
- Be willing to work holidays and weekends
- Must be able to pass background check.

Pay will be $44,658.50. Benefits include paid vacation and holidays, health insurance and a retirement package.

Applications may be picked up at the Hanover Police Department located at 11 N. Madison Avenue Hanover, IN 47243 or you may call (812) 866-2131 (ask for Officer Kyle Pence) to request an application by email.

Applications will be accepted from July 17th, 2023 to August 17th, 2023.

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2306-MI-558
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Desiree Caldwell
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Desiree Caldwell, whose mailing address is 158 S. Ash Dr., Hanover, IN 47250, in the Jefferson County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that she has filed a petition in the Circuit Court requesting her name be changed to Desiree Alyssa Lee Caldwell.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on August 29, 2023 at 10:00am.
Desiree Caldwell
Petitioner
6/28/2023
Date
DJ Mote
Judicial Officer
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LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the sale of a 2008 Chevy Impala VIN # 2g1ws583081259385 will be received by Town of Hanover, Indiana, until 4:00 P.M. local time July 31st 2023. Bids will be submitted to Town Hall at 11 N. Madison Ave., Hanover, IN 47243. Bids after this time will be returned unopened to the sender. Bids are requested without trade-in allowance. Bids will be opened and discussed on August 1st 2023 At 6:00 P.M. at Town of Hanover Park Building, 200 Spruce Lane, Hanover, IN 47243. Town of Hanover reserves the right to reject any and all bids as well as waive any minor informants or irregularities in the bids received. The deemed most favorable to Town of Hanover will be accepted.
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LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2307-ES-000004
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
LINDA LUNSFORD, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on July 6, 2023, Carl Lunsford was appointed personal representative of the estate of Linda Lunsford, deceased, who died on December 28, 2021.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 6th day of July 2023.
/s/ **Tabatha Eblen**
Clerk, Jefferson Circuit Court
hspaxlp

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 39C01-2306-MI-552
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
ABIGAIL BASHAM
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that I have filed a Petition for Change of Name in the Jefferson County Courts and that said petition will be heard by the Court on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023 at 9:30am. Any person has right to appear at the hearing and file an objection.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Jefferson County Clerk
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LEXINGTON 4 ¾ACRES ALL WOODS BACKS UP TO CREEK HWY 356 $35,900
SOUTH BOSTON 1 ½ ACRES WOODED WITH UTILS AT THE ROAD $29,900

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LEGAL NOTICE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Lynette Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission.
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LEGAL NOTICE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is to hear an application for variance from developmental standards filed by Tim Hunt, property located at 3366 S Sharon Hill Road, Lexington, IN, parcel number 39-14-20-000-018.000-011, Republican Township, AG District; an application for variance from developmental standards filed by Calvin Daugherty, property located at 100 E Thornton Road, Madison, IN, parcel number 39-03-14-000-014.001-010, Monroe Township, AG District; The Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time.
BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.
By: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals
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LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2307-EU-000050
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF
SUSAN WHITHAM, DECEASED.
Devon M. Sharpe, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 307 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN WHITHAM, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Sydney Whitham was, on July 13, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Susan Whitham, deceased, who died on the 27th day of March, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of July, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, LLC
Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation in order to provide safe and reliable electric service. Existing easements will also be cleared of vegetation to the easement edges even if not done previously. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Hanover on or near streets identified below:
Beginning at the substation located S of W Dawson Smith Rd & N Papermill Rd, to include the areas around & near: S & W of the substation, E of 56, N of Cythiana Ave
Beginning at the substation located .06 miles E of Cinergy & 256, to include the areas around & near: E of 3, S of the Substation, W of N Madison Ave, N of Crowe St
The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. If you have any questions you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.
Duke Energy Indiana, LLC
Vegetation Management Department
hspaxlp

NINERS

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claiming the 7-1 victory to win the regional crown. But all regional winners and runners-up advance to the eight-team state finals so Madison's season continues.

Harsin was thrilled with the way his team fought all weekend, especially on the defensive side.

"We only have four seniors that have recently graduated. We don't have any 19 year olds but they don't seem to be deterred by it. The other teams are usually physically more imposing than us but they just don't seem to be bothered by it," Harsin said. "They're tough. This group is really tough and they don't give up. We've really only had one off weekend and that was after we'd had a layoff. They continue to battle, to put the ball in play. It's been pretty impressive so far."

This year's Post 9 team is made up of players from all three Jefferson County schools with Madison's Holden Gluba and Zander Vonch, Southwestern's Jordan DeAtley and Shawe's Wyatt Nichter as the only graduated seniors. DeAtley, the team's top pitcher, missed last week's regional while on a family vacation but will be back this weekend for the state finals.

Harsin has been impressed with all of his players and said he hated singling anybody out as the key to the team's success. However, Gluba, in particular, has caught his eye.

"He didn't play much this year (in high school) and I should have gotten him more. That's on me," said Harsin, who is also the head baseball coach at Madison Consolidated High School. "The kid just loves baseball and he's had a great weekend. He had three RBIs, including the game-winner, in the game that sent us to the state finals and he's only 17. With the new rules, he could play two more years and I hope he does."

Madison will take on New Haven in the opening round of the double-elimination state tournament at 4 p.m. on Friday. Other first-round games will feature Lafayette squaring off against Valparaiso, Terre Haute against South Bend and Rockport against host Kokomo.

Harsin knows that getting through that field to win the program's first state championship since 2000 will be tough, but he also knows better than to count his team out.

"Last year, we went to Terre Haute for the regional and we were really young and just got beat bad in about every other game that we played," Harsin said. "That year of mental and physical maturity has come around and they're a different team. This team just battles and plays the game the right way. They just don't give up."

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Dolphins and a venue for the 2026 World Cup. Such is the case for many MLS teams.

Atlanta United FC and Charlotte FC share their home venues with the NFL's Panthers and Falcons. Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta holds around 70,000 for NFL games and 45,000 for soccer games. Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte has 74,000 seats. Charlotte FC's first ever home game last year set an MLS attendance mark of 74,479, which could easily be the amount of people who show up to watch Messi play for his new MLS team.

Inter Miami co-owner Jorge Mas said Tuesday that the plan is to play the remaining regular-season home matches at DRV PNK Stadium, but there is a possibility of playing certain matches at Hard Rock Stadium.

"We have the U.S. Open Cup semifinal. I anticipate if we were successful at winning that game, I do anticipate that a U.S. Open Cup final will be at a large stadium," Mas said. "If we're able to be a home team — Houston wins on the other side of the bracket — I would probably anticipate that game being at Hard Rock. We have a very good relationship with the people at Hard Rock. We could sell 70,000 seats here if we wanted to."

A match between the Galaxy and the Los Angeles Football Club recently saw an MLS record crowd of 82,110 at the Rose Bowl.

"MLS was launched in big football stadiums," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said. "We went through 20 years of building smaller soccer-specific stadiums. I still think that is our model ... But if a team wants to play a match in a large stadium and they think they can sell 80,000 seats, the league is going to say, 'Just tell us where and we'll show up with the Apple cameras.' "

It wouldn't be surprising for 70,000 people to show up to see Messi's first MLS game.

A group of fans arrived at DRV PNK Stadium Tuesday morning — some as early as 6:45 a.m. — to get a look at Messi, who took part in his first training session with Inter Miami. The practice started around 8:45 a.m. but was not open to fans. Members of the media were able to watch the first 15 minutes. The small crowd of fans waited in the heat and rain.

Around noon, they sprinted to the side of the stadium's parking lot where Messi's car was leaving Inter Miami's training complex. One more attempt at getting a peak at the star.

Some had never been to an MLS or Inter Miami game, but they'll be at DRV PNK Stadium, early, on Friday.

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Federal oversight of NIL compensation, athlete health care eyed

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

A bipartisan group of senators announced Thursday they are working on a college sports bill that would create national regulations for name, image and likeness compensation for players, establish an entity to oversee enforcement of those rules and fund long-term health care for athletes.

"Our goal is to stabilize college athletics and make sure that our athletes are fairly treated," said Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) during a conference call with reporters.

Moran and Democrats Richard Blumenthal (Conn.) and Cory Booker (N.J.) are proposing the College Athletes Protection & Compensation Act. It is only a discussion draft at this point, far from even being formally introduced, but notable in that both Democrats and Republicans are involved in trying to address issues that have disrupted college sports and the role of the NCAA.

Booker called it a significant step.

"Our goal has been a product that could get 60 votes in the United States Senate. And we believe we are close to reaching that goal," Moran said.

College sports leaders have been pleading for help from Congress to regulate how athletes can earn money off their fame since before the NCAA lifted its ban on NIL compensation in 2021.

"It's the first major bipartisan draft ... dealing with very profoundly significant issues that attempt to provide some protection to sports heroes whose blood, sweat and sacrifice drive a multibillion dollar industry," Blumenthal said. "And they need a level-playing field with guarantees of economic opportunities, educational outcomes, essential health care."

With the NCAA beleaguered by losses in court, including a unanimous rebuke by the Supreme Court two years ago, the association has avoided implementing detailed rules to set a national standard for NIL. Meanwhile, a patchwork of state laws has created a muddled and uneven playing field for schools to try to compete.

Earlier this week, Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey again said a federal law is a must for college sports to move forward. The proposal would preempt all state NIL laws.

Mississippi coach Lane Kiffin on Thursday called the state of college football, with the convergence of NIL payments and loosened rules allowing players to more easily transfer, a "disaster."

He said NIL has turned into "pay for play," which is still impermissible under the NCAA's rules though seemingly impossible to enforce.

NCAA President Charlie Baker, who has been spending much of his time meeting with lawmakers in Washington since moving into the position earlier this year, has said transparency and standardization with NIL is needed to p rotect athletes and their families.

Baker has said an NCAA working group on NIL is looking for solutions that could be implemented if lawmakers on Capitol Hill don't act.

The legislation would provide those through the creation of College Athletics Corp., a non-governmental oversight and enforcement agency. The CAC would provide certification for agents looking to represent college athletes and negotiate NIL contracts, and maintain a database of NIL deals. It also would have subpoena power to investigate potential violations, something the NCAA infractions staff does not have.

The new governing body would also establish a medical trust fund athletes could access during and after their careers. The fund would come from contributions by the NCAA and schools and conferences that earn at least $50 million in revenue per year.

Smith bounces back after letdown following records

INDIANAPOLIS

Regan Smith raced to the top of the swimming world while still in her teens.

She didn't really get a chance to enjoy the view.

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When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Smith struggled to cope. She came up short of a gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics. One of her best events became her biggest nemesis. The expectations from all that early success proved a bit overwhelming.

"It was really cool to be young and be as talented and great as I was," Smith said, breaking into a nervous laugh when she recognizes that bit of braggadocio. "To do that when you're young, you don't feel any pressure. No one expects anything out of you, so you can just go and have fun."

Finally, Smith is having fun again.

After moving to Arizona to work with Michael Phelps' former coach, Bob Bowman, she rediscovered her love of the sport. The 21-year-old Smith heads into the world championships at Fukuoka, Japan, with her star on the rise after some rocky times.

"It's not like I'm at the end of my career," she said recently during the national championships at Indianapolis. "I still have a lot left to give. I knew I wasn't done fighting. I knew that I was capable of more than I was putting out the past few years. It was hard for sure, but I'm really proud of how I came back."

Smith recently won the 100- and 200-meter backstroke as well as the 200 butterfly at nationals in Indianapolis, making her one of a handful of U.S. swimmers who will compete in three individual events at Fukuoka.

More importantly, her times are starting to sink toward where they were four years ago, when Smith set world records in both the 100 and 200 back at age 17.

"I allowed the pressure of my world records to just build on me," Smith conceded. "I wasn't training like I was supposed to. Everyone was expecting greatness in the backstroke out of me since I was the current world record holder. I really let that get to me and affect me. Just having those world records and knowing I wasn't that swimmer anymore was hard."

Bowman knew that Smith needed a confidence boost when she joined his training group in Tempe.

"The program we run is a very good fit for her," the coach said. "She's a worker through and through. She just needs that level of intensity. and we have a group that will do that. She just kind of thrives in that environment. I think that's been the difference."

Smith's most impressive performance at nationals came in the 200 back, long considered her best event but the one that has been her most perplexing. She held the world record for more than 3 1/2 years but didn't qualify for it at either the Tokyo Olympics or the 2022 world championships.

This past March, Australia's Kaylee McKeown — who already overtook Smith's 100 back world record in 2021 — claimed the mark in the 200 back with a time of 2 minutes, 3.14 seconds.

The American really didn't mind giving up her spots in the record book.

In a way, it's freed her up psychologically.

"I have such a rocky relationship with my backstroke, as people know by now," Smith said. "Honestly, the world record for the longest time just felt like a target on my back. All I wanted was to get it off of me."

In Indianapolis, Smith was under world-record pace through the first three laps and touched in 2:03.80 — her fastest time since 2019 and fourth-fastest in history. Usually reserved, she pounded the water in celebration.

"I was so nervous about it," Bowman said. "It's been a long time since she's really done a good one, and we wanted to break that mold of her not being able to make an international meet in it. It's been since 2019 since she swam it (at worlds), and she's one of the best ever."

Smith is eager to keep the momentum going in Japan.

But she's not putting too much pressure on herself this time.

"No matter what happens, I'm gonna be proud of myself," Smith said. "I'm still competing in this race after everything I've been through. I'm starting to love it again, which is the most important part."

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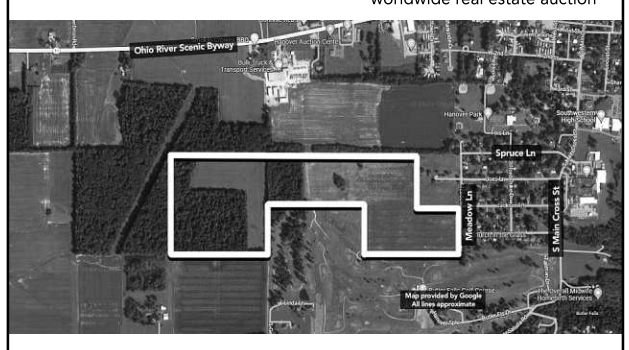

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Fever beat Mystics 82-76 to snap 8-game skid

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Kelsey Mitchell had 18 points, five assists and four steals, Emma Cannon added 13 points and the Indiana Fever beat the Washington Mystics 82-76 on Wednesday to snap an eight-game losing streak.

Indiana used a 15-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer by Amanda Zahui B., to go ahead 63-53 with 7:42 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Fever also scored seven unanswered points to make it 70-59 with 4:10 left.

Washington made back-to-back 3-pointers in the final 30 seconds to get within 78-74, but Erica Wheeler sealed it by making two free throws with 7.5 seconds left.

Aliyah Boston had 11 points and eight rebounds and Victoria Vivians also scored 11 points for Indiana (6-15). Wheeler finished with 10 points, going 6 of 6 from the free-throw line.

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Both teams were missing key players. Indiana was without NaLyssa Smith (foot) and Lexie Hull (nose). Washington was without Elena Delle Donne (ankle), Ariel Atkins (ankle), Shakira Austin (hip) and Kristi Toliver (plantar fasciitis).

Natasha Cloud scored 19 points and Tianna Hawkins had 13 points and nine rebounds for Washington (11-9), which had a five-game home winning streak snapped. Queen Egbo added 10 points.

Washington led 53-48 with 2:33 left in the third but didn't score again until Hawkins' basket with 7:20 remaining in the fourth.

League, players discuss WNBA expansion as 2nd half of season tips off

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

WNBA expansion seems to always be a topic of discussion around the league.

It happens during the offseason, around the preseason and the draft, and it always comes up at Commissioner Cathy Engelbert's state of the league news conference at the All-Star Game.

This past weekend was no different. As the WNBA tips off the second half of its season, add expansion to the list of topics on the minds of players and the league.

For several years, Engelbert has said the league would expand when the time was right and the 12 current teams were in good standing financially. The league hasn't had an expansion franchise since Atlanta in 2008. Both Las Vegas and Dallas were existing franchises that relocated.

Engelbert says it's not just picking the right cities. What's more important is finding ownership groups that would be a good fit for the league. Las Vegas owner Mark Davis has been a welcome addition, investing in the defending champion Aces, including building a new state-of-the-art practice facility.

During All-Star weekend, Engelbert said the league should have some expansion news later this season.

"Our conversations with potential ownership groups are headed in the right direction," the commissioner said.

While no specific cities have been named as possible expansion locations, Engelbert mentioned the success of the preseason game in Toronto between Chicago and Minnesota that drew nearly 20,000 fans.

"We were thrilled with the outcome there," she said. "We're still talking about it. There's still a lot of buzz, and we appreciate our counterparts in Canada making it so successful."

While the league is looking for the right ownership groups, players aren't so quick to want expansion, feeling there are other things that the league should be focused on such as travel and salary benefits.

"I feel like we have some holes that we can work on currently," said Aces guard Kelsey Plum, who is the first vice president of the WNBA Players Association. "We can do a better job of figuring out ways to fix some of the current issues we have coming up."

Plum knows the league needs to expand its footprint, but believes players need to be treated better first.

"I understand expansion is important, I understand growing the league, I understand growing in cities, and I do think that's something to come," Plum said. "I don't think that should take precedence over charter flights. I don't think that should take precedence over salary benefits."

AP WNBA POLL

Las Vegas, New York and Connecticut remained the top three teams in the rankings. Dallas and Washington were next, followed by Atlanta and Minnesota. Chicago was eighth and Los Angeles ninth. Indiana, Phoenix and Seattle rounded out the poll.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

A'ja Wilson had another impressive week before the All-Star break, averaging 22.5 points, 10 rebounds and two blocks to help the Aces win both their games. Las Vegas enters the second half of the season on a record pace at 19-2. Other players receiving votes included Sabrina Ionescu of New York and Arike Ogunbowale of Dallas.

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